

**MINUTES of a meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds, on Tuesday 14th December 2004, commencing at 7.30 p.m.**

**Present:**

Mr I Sharpe (Chairman)  
Mr J Elliott  
Mrs R Saunders  
Mr R Shields  
Mrs L Spicer  
Mr K Topham

**In attendance:**

33 Local Government Electors

**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Mrs D Edmonds (family engagement)  
Mrs M Prior (working)

**2 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS**

Mr J Elliott - personal interests in PFA matters as a member of the Committee and in Village Hall matters as Council representative to the Committee.

Mrs R Saunders - personal interests in matters concerning Prestwold Estate as Secretary of PERS and in the Playing Field as Council representative to the PFA.

Mr I Sharpe - personal interest in all acts and proceedings relating to Charnwood Borough Council, as Borough Councillor.

Mr R Shields - Personal interest in all matters concerning Prestwold Estate by acquaintance with the landowner and in Planning item P/04/2384 by acquaintance with Mr T Hubbard.

Members confirmed having received the latest Standards Board guidance, circulated with the Agenda, and no queries were raised.

### 3 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was proposed Mr Shields, seconded Mrs Saunders and carried that the Minutes of the 9th November meeting be accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### 4 MATTERS ARISING

**Item 5.** Woodbrook Vale School have no use for the Amstrad computer and Mrs Saunders is investigating another charitable option.

### 5 PLANNING

**E/03/0047 - Enforcement of Plans Committee decision 14.7.04 re Commercial Events at Wymeswold Airfield.** An explanation and apology for the failure to take enforcement action had been received from the Charnwood Chief Executive, Mr Brian Hayes and was distributed to members. Mr Hayes was in attendance, as requested, and took the opportunity to apologise for the way the Parish Council and community had been treated since last July. He said that this was unacceptable and we should have been kept informed. The situation now is that Charnwood have been advised that the existence of a further application is an impediment to enforcement and negotiations with the applicants are continuing. The situation is to be placed before Plans Committee on 6th January. Mr Hayes took comments and questions from members and the meeting was adjourned for a period to permit members of the audience to comment. These included:

- the explanation given by Mr Hayes tonight and in his letter differs from what the Council has been told previously. The reason first given was staff shortages and this is unacceptable.
- why can a new application, identical to the one already refused, be allowed to prevent enforcement? Why could a Stop Notice not be issued? Some other Authorities would not negotiate with applicants in this way.
- what is the January Plans meeting intended to achieve?
- how long will this be allowed to go on? Noise levels are unacceptable to many residents. Will the negotiations result in less noise in future?



In response, Mr Hayes regretted being unable to answer some points as he is not a planning expert. His Council have to respect the advice given to them (in this case by a legal firm). They need to consider the cost to Council Tax payers should applicants appeal against action taken. The January Plans meeting will be to clarify and discuss the issue. The objective of continuing negotiations is noise abatement.

The Chairman summarised the debate, noting that poor legal advice to the Plans Committee in July had led to the problems. He was confident that the Chief Executive was now fully aware of the shortcomings and would take decisive action. A review is needed of what went wrong, though, in his view, this is not typical of the hard working officers. What is needed now is an end stop to this long drawn out affair and the January Plans meeting should aim for this. He thanked the Chief Executive for his attendance and Mr Hayes then left the meeting.

**2004/4027 (LCC) - proposed Paint Can and Aerosol Recycling Centre, Wymeswold Industrial Park (De-Pack Ltd).** A summary of this proposal had been circulated to members and, at their own request, Ms Catherine Crouch and Mr Brian Mulholland of De-Pack were in attendance to respond to comments and queries. After a brief summary from Ms Crouch, the following responses were received to questions.

- what noise will be emitted? *Nothing excessive, unlikely to be heard outside site boundaries.*
- what are the materials? *Domestic aerosols (hair spray, WD40 etc.) The propellant is collected into small containers, about 1 cubic metre each.*
- the application states that vehicles will not go through the villages but the B676 through Burton is a lorry route. Use of the A46/B676/Wymeswold Lane is preferable. *Initially there will be one articulated vehicle per week, rising to one per day. They will use approved routes.*
- there is concern that the project could spread beyond the Industrial Park and that it could receive material from all over the UK and possibly beyond. *There are no plans to spread but they must have a designated area around the site. Machine capacity will constrain growth.*



The Chairman thanked the De-Pack representatives who then left the meeting. It was decided to respond in favour of the application subject to several safeguards. The site should not go beyond existing Industrial Park boundaries, storage should be limited to two pallets high, commercial vehicles should route via the A46 (if not legally enforceable then a voluntary agreement should be sought). Hours of operation should be restricted to 0600 - 1800 with no Sunday or Bank Holiday working and the requested exception for 'customer requirements' should not be conceded.

**P/04/2384 - proposed 53 dwelling development at Melton Road/Brook Street, Burton.** The latest verbal advice is that Charnwood officers are having continuing talks with David Wilson Homes. There are problems with separations and levels between homes, the tree screen and other issues. Fresh proposals or justifications are awaited.

**P/04/3871 - re-siting of Garage, 15a Barrow Road (Walker & Walker Ltd).** A response was required by 6th December and no objection was raised. The application has since been granted.

**P/04/3903 - change of use from Barn to Dwelling. Ashbrook Farm, Six Hills (Mr & Mrs G Bewley).** It was agreed to raise no objection subject to all planning regulations being complied with.

**P/04/4191 - alterations and extension including replacement garage at 3 Brickwood Place, Burton (Mr & Mrs D J Phillipson).** There was no objection.

**P/04/1874 - conversion of Garage to Granny Annexe at 40 Wymeswold Road, Burton (Mr P Veitch).** In response to last month's query, permission was granted on 4th August including a Condition that the accommodation shall not be occupied other than as an annex to 40 Wymeswold Road, and then only by dependent relatives or short-term visitors.

## **6 TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS**

**Loughborough Road (Home Farm).** Verbal advice has just been received that alterations to signage have been authorised, including 'slow' markings on the road surface to be carried out, it is hoped, in February next.



**Proposed Pedestrian Crossing, Melton Road, Burton.** This is currently being assessed by the County Council who promise to be in touch once the results of the traffic surveys are known.

**Bus Link, Burton-Barrow.** An eight week trial has just been agreed with the Barrow doctors. This will be on alternate Tuesdays and full details will be supplied by Caroline Mackay shortly.

**Land at NW corner of Barrow Road, Burton.** Graham Marsh, the Highway Inspector advises that the grass strip is not a problem, in his opinion. There were only faint tyre marks when he inspected and he does not consider that the bush, which is kept trimmed, is in the line of sight. It was decided to defer this issue until next meeting. He advises that any further complaints should be addressed to the Police.

**Overhanging bush on Loughborough Road, Burton, west of Brickwood Place.** Following a complaint of personal injury, the County Council very rapidly arranged to cut this bush back, on 1st December. Mr Marsh admitted that they only inspect Burton for such problems every six months; they will do so more often in future. It was noted that there are similar problems on the Brook Street footway extension and this will be reported.

**Highway Network Best Value Review.** Mr Shields offered to complete this questionnaire on behalf of the Council.

**Resurfacing of Burton residential roads.** Nothing appears to have been done since complaints were made some months ago about the poor quality of work in Brook Street, Seymour Road etc. This will be followed up.

## 7 ENVIRONMENT

**Wymeswold Airfield.** It was noted that an Antique Collectors' Trade Fair had been advertised for the airfield but then cancelled. No other information was to hand.

**Balancing Lagoon, Melton Road, Burton.** Mrs Saunders advised that there are concerns that the proposed hedging might impede access. She will make further enquiries.

**NEMA Consultation on Controlled Airspace.** Over 120 people, mostly local, attended the 'Outreach Exhibition' in the Village Hall, the highest



attendance at any of the five venues up to that date. Many people took the opportunity to express strong views against the 'Daventry 2' proposals to the six airport officials in attendance.

**Hall Drive TPO.** Chris Buckingham advises that he hopes to finalise this early in the New Year. He has identified the group of trees to be protected, including some young ones and must get agreement from his Head of Department (David Hankin) and Committee Chairman before passing the file to the Legal Department.

**Millennium Garden Award.** Mrs Margaret Pickford, who was present, had accepted the 'Highly Commended' certificate from the Mayor of Charnwood on behalf of the Burton community and she brought it to the meeting. It was agreed that the original should be framed and exhibited in the Committee Room, with the consent of the VHMC. Copies will be made for the 'Owl' sculptor, Martin Herron and for Mrs Pickford and Mrs Sutton. Mr Shields agreed to arrange for copiers to be taken.

**Stanford Lane, Cotes.** Mr Stuart Birch advises that work to provide a new septic tank to the dwellings on Loughborough Road has now been completed and the former drainage pipe which caused pollution problems in Stanford Lane has been disconnected.

## 8 FISHPOND PLANTATION

*Mrs Saunders, Mr Shields and Mr Topham each declared Personal Interests in this item, as Council representatives on the ad hoc committee.*

Mr Shields summarised a paper which had been circulated to Members following the latest committee meeting. It was proposed Mr Sharpe, seconded Mr Shields and carried that a Committee be formed to maintain, manage and enhance the plantation on behalf of the community. It will consist of three appointed Parish Councillors and three parishioners, reporting back to the Council on a monthly and annual basis. It will be authorised to raise and disburse funds as are necessary for its purposes, such funds being directed through the Parish Council bank account. Members of the committee will appoint a Chairman from their number and, the Clerk having advised that he is unable to continue his present role, a Secretary.

It was proposed Mr Sharpe, seconded Mr Elliott and carried that the three existing ad hoc committee members, Mrs Saunders, Mr Shields and Mr



Topham be nominated as Council representatives. A Public Meeting will be called, probably in week commencing 10th January, subject to Village Hall availability, when nominees from the village will be invited. The new committee will start work on opening arrangements, initial maintenance programme etc. A new name, omitting 'Fishpond' will be sought.

A letter of thanks will be sent to Mr Ken Byass of Moss Solicitors for his advice in setting up the management structure and also for keeping his fees for the purchase transaction as low as possible.

It was proposed Mr Shields, seconded Mr Sharpe and carried that expenditure of £400.00 be authorised on clearing the pathways of fallen trees and removing barbed wire fencing.

## **9 PARISH PLAN**

The balance of grant has now been received from the Countryside Agency.

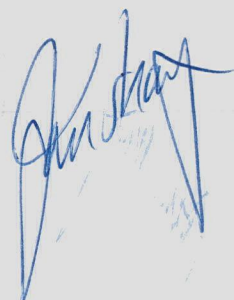
In view of the late hour and the desire to give it full consideration, the Action Plan Medium Priority listing which had been circulated to members, was deferred until next meeting.

## **10 VILLAGE HALL**

A letter expressing gratitude for the £2,750 grant for redecoration had been received from the VHMC. The monthly payment for gas has been raised from £15 to £110 for the next six months, Powergen having belatedly realised that they have been undercharging. A memo from the Clerk explaining the situation had been circulated.

Mr Elliott advised that the weathervane had now been correctly adjusted. He was asked to obtain the Council's copy of the last year's accounts which have not yet been received.

The Gardening Club has asked permission to prune the tree in the Garden and it was proposed Mrs Spicer, seconded Mrs Saunders and carried that this offer be accepted with thanks.



## **11 BURIAL GROUND/ALLOTMENTS**

An allotment questionnaire from the OPDM had been completed and returned.

## **12 PLAYING FIELD**

Mrs Saunders reported that problems were being experienced over the pavilion extension because of the land ownership. Advice is being sought. The committee is seeking grants to replace existing sand surfaces with artificial safety surfaces.

A summary of comparative quotations for maintenance next year was distributed to Members. It was proposed Mrs Saunders, seconded Mr Elliott and carried that the quotation from Roma Landscapes be accepted. They will be asked to strim the Playing Field three times, although problems they have reported from excessive dog fouling need to be resolved.

## **13 FOOTPATHS/BRIDLEWAYS**

A resident, Mrs Barbara Stead, has asked that the section of footpath running parallel to Nottingham Road from the Rookery Plantation down to the dyke be cleared. This has been blocked for some years, partly by newly planted trees and most walkers follow the field edge. Advice will be sought from the County Access Officer.

## **14 FINANCE**

Funds at end November stood at £13,294.43. A budget for 2005/6 will be presented at the next meeting, when the precept will have to be fixed.

## **15 CHEQUES**

It was proposed Mr Topham, seconded Mrs Saunders and carried that the following cheques, drawn since the last meeting, be authorised:

Newitt & Co Ltd	junior goal (PFA)	576.93
WHA Insurance	premium (Fishpond)	367.61

It was proposed Mrs Spicer, seconded Mrs Saunders and carried that the following cheques be authorised and signed tonight:



K W Davies	salary/expenses	346.95
Roma Landscapes	maintenance	311.49
Moss Solicitors	fees (Fishpond)	396.50
AARPC	contribution to costs	5.00
John Saunders	photocopies (N/Watch)	76.00
Staples	office supplies	214.42)
-"-	photocopying	24.00)
P Shaw Fencing	disabled access (PFA)	380.40

## 16 MISCELLANEOUS

It was agreed to take no action on a **CBC Draft Arts Strategy consultation.**

It was agreed to correct a typographical error in the April minutes, page 2658, K W Davies salary/expenses by deleting "£342.98" and replacing it with "£362.24".

## 17 PRESS RELEASE

Mrs Frances Walker is in dispute with the 'Loughborough Echo' and no parish news has appeared for some time. It was agreed to send our Release direct to the 'Echo' until this is resolved.

This month's topics will be Mr Hayes visit, De-Pack, the NEMA exhibition and the Fishpond decisions.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.55 p.m.

**MINUTES of a meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 9th November 2004, commencing at 7.30 p.m.**

**Present:**

Mr I Sharpe (Chairman)

Mrs M Prior

Mrs R Saunders

Mr R Shields

Mrs L Spicer

Mr K Topham

**In attendance:**

Mr A Kershaw (County Councillor) - items 1 - 7

One Local Government Elector

**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Mrs D Edmonds (sickness)

Mr J Elliott (business)

**2 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Mr I Sharpe - personal interest in all acts and proceedings relating to Charnwood Borough Council as Borough Councillor and personal interest in Planning item P/04/3731 by acquaintance with the applicant.

Mrs R Saunders - personal interest in matters concerning Prestwold Estate as Secretary of PERS and in the Playing Field as Council representative to the PFA.

Mr R Shields - personal interest in all matters concerning Prestwold Estate by acquaintance with Mr E Packe-Drury-Lowe and in Planning item P/04/2384 by acquaintance with Mr T Hubbard.

The Chairman referred to a recent decision of the Charnwood Standards Panel in respect of a member of Quorn Parish Council where it appeared that insufficient training had been given. He expressed the view that such was not the case on this Council and there was no dissent.



### **3 AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

The Chairman welcomed Mr Richard Windley, Leicestershire Rural Housing Enabler with the Countryside Agency who had responded to the invitation for Midland Rural Housing to address Members. His role is to identify opportunities for those who find it difficult to afford market priced accommodation. Charnwood Borough perceive such a need in our parishes. It is permissible to develop small plots 'by exception' on the edge of villages but the need must be well proven. Such accommodation must be only for local people, retained in perpetuity and developed through a Housing Association.

Mr Windley had brought a draft survey/questionnaire and advised that a survey of all residents would be free to the Council(funded by the CA), apart from distribution. He seeks permission to conduct such a survey, the criteria being proof of need, identification of a site and backing of the Parish Council. Local people are defined as those born in the village, living now or previously in the village, employed there or having close relatives there.

During discussion with Members, reference was made to the questions on this subject in the recently completed Parish Plan and to the seven affordable properties designated in the Brook Street/Melton Road development. Doubt was expressed about the real need for anything more. Mr Windley advised that if there was no take up for such housing in a village, those in the nearest village would be next in line but he had never known that to happen.

The Chairman thanked Mr Windley, who then left the Meeting, for his contribution. After further discussion, it was proposed Mrs Saunders, seconded Mr Topham and carried that the Rural Housing Enabler be invited to conduct a survey in Burton on the Wolds, with the Council's support.

### **4 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

It was proposed Mr Shields, seconded Mrs Spicer and carried that the Minutes of the 12th October meeting be accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.



## **5 MATTERS ARISING**

**Item 16.** Mrs Saunders gave details of a contact at Woodbrook Vale High School who would be interested in the redundant Amstrad computer.

## **6 TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS**

**Extinguishment of Highway Rights on land adjacent to Loughborough Road/Cotes Road, Cotes.** Formal Notice of a hearing on 11th January next has been received.

**Loughborough Road (Home Farm).** No response has yet been received to the letter sent following last month's meeting and this will be pursued.

**Request for Pedestrian Crossing, Melton Road, Burton.** There has been no further word since August. Councillor Kershaw suggested that a firm site should be identified and notified to the County Council. The matter will be considered under 'Parish Plan' - see Item 10 (below).

**Bus Link, Burton/Barrow.** Although no direct reply had been received from Tony Kirk, the Public Transport Group Manager, he had sent a discouraging response to the Parish Plan Secretary on 21st September. In the circumstances it was agreed to press the issue with Caroline Mackay as a community transport issue.

**Leicestershire Local Transport Plan.** Copies were distributed to members.

**Land at NW corner of Barrow Road, Burton.** Following complaints about the small green strip outside the former Wheeler's shop being churned up by parked cars, it was decided to draw the matter to the attention of the Highway Authority, at the same time pointing out that a bush planted on this land is beginning to affect visibility.

## **7 PLANNING**

It appears that Mr Nick Hodgett will be leaving Charnwood Council by end December to take up a position in Oakham.

Members accepted Mr Shields' recommendation that the various consultations received last month with regard to the Local Development Scheme be left until the next stage is reached.



**P/04/2384 - proposed 53 dwelling development at Melton Road/Brook Street. Burton.** There is a further consultation on amendments to the scheme, none of which address the issues previously raised by this Council. A response will be sent pointing this out, and additionally querying the location of the bus stop now proposed. Comments obtained from our Heritage Wardens on the soft landscaping proposals will be passed on and clarification of the applicants comments regarding future management of the open space/play area will be sought to ensure that the land does not fall into neglect later. Following comments from the Rural Housing Enabler (see Item 3 above), it will be emphasised that the affordable housing needs to be for local needs only, in perpetuity.

**P/04/1901 - retention of runways. . . . . Wymeswold Airfield.** The expected amendment to this proposal has still not been issued for consultation.

**E/03/0047 - enforcement of Plans Committee decision 14.7.04 re commercial events at Wymeswold Airfield.** Despite constant pressure over the last month, the Enforcement Notice has still not been served and a further 'Land Rover Discovery' event took place recently. Great concern was expressed at this continuing failure to carry out the Plans Committee's decision and it was agreed to request that the Chief Executive, Mr Brian Hayes, attend the next meeting to explain what is going on. A view was expressed that care should be taken in publicising these problems because of concern about house prices.

*The following two applications had been received with response deadlines before this meeting and, after appropriate consultation, the indicated responses were sent:*

**P/04/3487 - renovation of Laundry Cottage, Prestwold Hall [listed building](Prestwold 1966 Settlement) - no objection.**

**P/04/3573 - removal of sapling growth from Beech Tree (TPO), 15a Barrow Road, Burton (John Walker) - no objection so long as cutting back is minimised.**

**P/04/3664 - erection of Conservatory, 28 Springfield Close, Burton (Mr & Mrs B Cox) - no objection.**

**P/04/3731 - extension to rear of 10 Hall Drive, Burton (Mr & Mrs A Tomkins) - no objection.**



**Home Farm House, Loughborough Road, Prestwold.** In response to the query last month, it was confirmed that permission exists for this work under P/02/1648.

**40 Wymeswold Lane, Burton.** In response to a Member's enquiry, the Clerk will check whether the permission for a granny/guest annexe sought earlier this year was granted.

## **8 ENVIRONMENT**

**Wymeswold Airfield.** The Clerk has again received complaints of excessive noise from recreational activities, this time taking place last Saturday. A letter from a resident will be circulated.

Mr Topham reported advice from Mr E Packe-Drury-Lowe at the last Liaison meeting that they are now using only silent fireworks at Prestwold Hall functions. The Clerk confirmed that no notifications are now received when displays are to take place and that no complaints have been received from residents.

**Balancing Lagoon, Melton Road, Burton** - Mr Shields provided an estimate of £121.50 to plant 19 metres of hedging plants and two specimen trees. This will be considered next month since planting would need to take place before next financial year.

**Sewage Overflow, Seymour Road/Brook Street corner.** This issue had been raised at the recent public Action Plan meeting. Severn Trent ascribe the problems to blockage by sanitary products. The Clerk has a number to ring for urgent attention should there be a recurrence.

**Soar Catchment Abstraction Management Strategy.** It was considered that no response was required to this Environment Agency consultation.

**NEMA Consultation on controlled Airspace.** A consultation document and proposed response had been circulated to members. The proposals appear to take incoming flights further away from our communities but the new departure route 'Daventry 2' will pass directly over Prestwold and Burton as well as other communities. This route is intended for limited use by freight aircraft between midnight and 6 a.m. The NEMA authority have arranged an exhibition at Burton Village Hall on 23rd November.



It was agreed to oppose the Daventry 2 route and to circularise Burton and Prestwold villages with details of the proposals. Other communities along this route will also be advised of the Council's objections, as detailed in the draft response. All other interested parties will be advised although it was thought better not to involve ELVAA who are seen as having a different agenda.

**Helicopter Noise over Burton.** Correspondence from Dr A M Evans was read, requesting that the Council intervene with East Midland Helicopters at Costock. Since there have been no other complaints, this was felt inappropriate at this time and Dr Evans will be asked to pursue this issue himself.

**Hall Drive TPO.** There has been no further news since Chris Buckingham advised that the matter was in hand, in August. This will be pursued.

**Millennium Garden Award.** The Charnwood Design Awards presentation by the Mayor will take place on Thursday 9th December. It was agreed to ask Mrs Linda Sutton, who played a major part in creating the Garden, and her husband Paul, to accept the award on behalf of the Burton community.

## **9 FISHPOND PLANTATION**

The latest committee minutes have been circulated. Insurance cover has now been arranged through Leicester broker, West Humberstone Agencies. Quotations for initial clearance of paths before opening to the public have been received and a decision will be taken shortly. Advice is being sought on the future management structure.

## **10 PARISH PLAN**

The final accounts have now been prepared, showing a small cost overrun of £37.82. It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded Mrs Saunders and carried that the Council fund this shortfall.

It was noted that volunteer hours totalled 1359 (although this is certainly understated) compared to the original estimate of 237. Members supported the Chairman's vote of thanks to all who gave their services so willingly and this will be conveyed to Mr Tony Edmonds as Chairman of the Steering Group.



Members considered a document listing those items designated High Priority in the Action Plan and requiring the Council's attention. A number of these were designated accomplished/in hand/ongoing and Mr Edmonds will be advised of the Council's position on the remainder. They will progressed under the appropriate agenda headings at the Council's monthly meetings. The medium priority items will be looked at next month, followed by the low priority after that.

## **11 VILLAGE HALL**

The Council's grant of £2750 towards redecoration has now been paid as part of invoices totalling £22,737. VAT totalling nearly £4000 has been reclaimed.

Powergen have increased the monthly direct debit for electricity from £15 to £40, a more realistic level. They have still not reassessed the gas payment.

Mrs Edmonds sent word that two portable display units have been ordered for the Playgroup, to be housed in the store room when not in use. Fixed notice boards will be positioned in the foyer and at the back entrance. Electricity sockets have been fitted in the Reading Room, to be paid for by the Youth Club. The Reading Room and Foyer are to be decorated next, when funds permit. Grants have been applied for. The clock has been repaired.

## **12 BURIAL GROUND/ALLOTMENTS**

A reply from Mr Chris Ward of the Allotment Society indicates that members, many of whom are elderly, feel unable to keep the hedge under control. They suggest that Mr Bailey of Cliff Farm be asked to do it when he flail cuts his own hedges, the likely cost being about £40. It was proposed Mrs Saunders, seconded Mr Topham and carried that Mr Ward be asked to arrange this.

Moles have again appeared at the Burial Ground and Mr Peter Everitt-Stewart has this in hand.

## **13 PLAYING FIELD**

Mrs Saunders advised that arrangements have been made to have the kerb dropped for wheelchair access. The PFA will ask the Council to



contribute if a requested grant from NEMA does not come through. Quotations are being obtained to replace sand with other approved material beneath the roundabouts etc.

Quotations for next years maintenance will be invited. It was confirmed that Roma Landscape's performance has been generally satisfactory.

#### 14 FOOTPATHS/BRIDLEWAYS

Miss Sue Johnson, the Access Officer has submitted a condensed narrative for a new edition of the Parish Walks leaflet. Since we have some 250 copies of the original still on hand, it will be suggested that these be used up first.

Mrs Saunders noted that the I3 path to Wymeswold Lane has been only part cleared by Roma.

#### 15 FINANCE

Funds at end October totalled £15,331.88 but are destined to fall sharply as payments on account of the Village Hall and Fishpond work through.

#### 16 CHEQUES

It was proposed Mr Topham, seconded Mrs Saunders and carried that the following cheques be authorised:

drawn since last meeting:

Barbara Stead	P/plan expenses	38.05
Good Directions	V/H clock repair	223.25
Indtherm Heating	V/H refurbishment	20,840.98
"-"	V/H kitchen	5,875.00

for signature tonight:

K W Davies	salary/expenses	373.39
BOTW Village Hall	P/plan meetings	150.00

#### 17 MISCELLANEOUS

A letter from the OPDM regarding **New Ethical Framework Regulations** was noted as was notice of a discussion group on 12th November organised by the **Tenant Participation Advisory Service**

**(TPAS) and the Chief Constable's Town, Parish and District Council Meeting on 2nd December.**

**18 PRESS RELEASE**

This will cover Affordable Housing, Airfield matters, the David Wilson Homes amendments, the NEMA proposals and exhibition, Parish Plan issues and an invitation to quote for 2005 grounds maintenance.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.37 p.m.





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### 3 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was proposed Mr Elliott, seconded Mr Topham and carried that the Minutes of the 14th September meeting be accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman, after the following amendments:

page 2680 - date of meeting amended from "13th" to "14th" September.

page 2680 - Disclosures of Interests, Mr J Elliott:

delete "Village Hall as Council representative to the VHMC"

insert "Playing Field as a PFA committee member".

### 4 MATTERS ARISING

There were none.

### 5 TRAFFIC HIGHWAYS

**Melton Road Scheme.** The County Council advise that Mr Ian Vears is making the necessary arrangements for installation of the vehicle activated signs. Councillor Kershaw understands that this will be early in the new year.

**Loughborough Road (Home Farm).** Mrs Saunders advised that there had been two recent accidents near Home Farm on a stretch of road with no signs to indicate a series of bends. It was agreed to advise the County and ask them to look into this.

**Bus Link, Burton/Barrow.** There has been no response as yet from Mr Tony Kirk, though he has been in touch with the Parish Plan Group.

**Community Transport, East Leake.** Mr Topham advised that a limited 'on demand' service to link the Wolds villages to the Doctors' surgery at East Leake has recently been publicised, seemingly attracting little support. The booking arrangements are impracticable and it was agreed to write to the County Council drawing attention to this and to the absence of consultation which could have led to a better offering.

### 6 PLANNING

Three consultations have been received, 'Charnwood - Leading in Design', 'Draft Local Development Scheme' and 'Draft Statement of



Community Involvement' and Mr Shields agreed to examine these with a view to identifying any matters on which this Council might respond.

**P/04/2384 - proposed 53 dwelling development at Melton Road/Brook Street, Burton.** There is no news as to when the Plans Committee will consider this. It is expected to be the first meeting in November.

**P/04/1901 - retention of use of runways. . . . . Wymeswold Airfield.** Mr Topham reported on a meeting held at the airfield on 5th October, attended by three Parish Councillors and the Clerk. A summary has been circulated but essentially the operators have appointed new consultants, installed a noise monitoring system at the chicane corner (nearest Burton) and have proposals for eliminating the chicane on 'commercial' days and resurfacing it to reduce tyre squeal. These proposals are to be submitted as amendments to the current Planning Application. Further consultation will then take place and it was agreed to involve residents once this happens.

**E/03/0047 - Enforcement of Plans Committee decision 14.7.04 re commercial events at Wymeswold Airfield.** Yesterday and today a large scale 'Subaru' event is taking place on the racetrack in seeming defiance of the enforcement order. A complaint to Helen Robinson, Enforcement Officer has elicited the response that nothing can be done since the Enforcement Notice has never been served. This is despite several reminders at high level from Councillor Sharpe. The reason given is shortage of staff in the Legal department. Councillor Sharpe has raised the matter with the Chief Executive and his reply is awaited.

Concern was expressed that the inaction of officers has nullified the decision of elected Councillors and it was agreed to write to the Chair of Plans Committee 2 detailing this concern, with copies to the Chair of Plans Committee 1, Head of Planning Services and Head of Legal and Democratic Services.

**P/04/2188, P/04/2676 and P/04/2906.** Mr Stuart Moffat, Development Control Manager has written, with explanations, to apologise that this Council was not consulted about these three applications.

**P/04/2188 - construction of footbridge adjacent to 38 Melton Road, Burton** has been permitted.



**P/04/2676 - display of 'For Sale' signs on Common Land off Sowters Lane, Burton** has been refused. The reason given is "that the proposed sign would be detrimental to the visual amenities of the area by introducing a feature within the street scene that would be out of character and keeping with the rural area on the edge of the village and which lies in an Area of Special Control for Advertisements. If allowed it would be likely to encourage the display of similar signs advertising property in the village on its approach roads which would be harmful to visual amenity."

**P/04/2906 - lifting and thinning of crown to ash tree (TPO), 9 The Willows, Burton (Mr & Mrs D Murphy).** This application had been sent to Barrow Council in error and is now offered for consultation. There was no objection.

**P/04/3335 - lopping/trimming yew tree (TPO), 1 The Willows, Burton (John Kirkpatrick).** and

**P/04/3328 erection of porch and two dormer windows to front, 4 Hall Drive, Burton (D Allen).** There were no objections to these new applications.

**Home Farm House, Loughborough Road, Prestwold. Mr Shields declared an interest in this item due to acquaintance with the occupier.** It has been noted that building work has been taking place and it was queried whether permission exists. Enquiries will be made.

## **7 ENVIRONMENT**

**Noise from Wymeswold Airfield.** A Ferrari Owners' Day on Thursday 23rd September had led to many complaints, at least 20 being logged at Environmental Health. Beverly Green had visited the track and provided a detailed report to Councillor Sharpe. The operators had taken one particularly noisy car taken out although it was technically in compliance with Conditions. Her conclusion was that, despite the noise nuisance in Burton, which she herself confirmed as being worse than usual, there appear to be no grounds for action against the operators.

**Maintenance Problems.** There has been little action, particularly as regards the B 676 footway and this will be pursued.

**Street Lighting.** The County Council advise that our request will be included with others for installation under the Community Safety Lighting



initiative. No finances have been allocated for next year as yet. Charnwood have also made enquiries and have been asked to support our request.

**AARPC.** Mr Topham reported on the 20th September meeting which he attended. Despite CAA agreement to the new arrival and departure routes, a three month suspension has been agreed to allow further consultation. This follows the belated involvement of Leicestershire County Council.

**Balancing Lagoon, Melton Road, Burton.** A letter from Mr B E Searson was read, requesting landscaping of the earth mound which fronts Melton Road. Mr Shields undertook to make enquiries, for possible inclusion in next year's budget.

**Accumulation of Green Refuse Bags at Melton Road/Wymeswold Lane.** It was reported that once again bags had been piled and left at this corner. The Clerk will report this if there is a further recurrence.

## **8 FISHPOND PLANTATION**

Mr Topham advised that the Committee had met yesterday. The urgent need is to obtain Public Liability insurance cover since Allianz Cornhill's demands for a more detailed risk assessment are extremely onerous. It is hoped to obtain AXA cover through a Leicester broker. It was proposed Mr Topham, seconded Mr Elliott and carried that the £367 premium for this insurance be authorised from the balance of plantation funds remaining. Quotations are being obtained for initial clearance of fallen trees across the pathways and removal of the barbed wire on the Playing Field boundary.

Concern was expressed about ongoing costs being a drain on parish funds/Council Tax payers. The Chairman pointed out that the decision to purchase the wood had been taken in full Council and the duty to provide insurance cover and maintain the wood responsibly cannot be neglected. It is expected that grants will be available to help meet this expenditure.

## **9 PARISH PLAN**

Proposed responses to the Parish Council elements of the Action Plan had been drawn up by the sub committee and it was proposed Mr Elliott, seconded Mrs Saunders and carried that these be agreed. Since both the



Chairman and Vice Chairman are unavailable, it was agreed that Mr Topham would present the Council responses at the Public meeting on Thursday.

## **10 VILLAGE HALL**

Mr Elliott advised that the Committee are proposing that mobile, demountable display boards be used for the playgroup, etc., with a fixed notice board in the lobby at the side entrance. Mrs Edmonds is obtaining samples. This was felt to be the way forward.

A Shire Grant of £3000 is being sought towards refurbishment costs. It is planned to bring the internal clock mechanism to a low level for easier access. The Committee ask whether there is any money left in the George Harvey Bequest to meet this expense but there is not. The weathervane has still not been corrected. It is proving difficult to arrange but a solution is being sought.

It was asked whether the Council would contribute £35 towards presents for children at the Christmas Fair. Although the Council provides substantial financial support in other ways, this was not felt to be an appropriate use of public funds.

Mrs Edmonds sent word that the Gardening Club had been advised of the comments about the Garden last month and would put the matter in hand at the appropriate season.

## **11 BURIAL GROUND/ALLOTMENTS**

It was pointed out that the allotment hedge facing Melton Road has become overgrown despite a request that the Allotment Society maintain it after it was layed several years ago. They will be reminded.

## **12 PLAYING FIELD**

Mrs Saunders advised that the County Council are now expected to contribute £3/400 towards the disabled access. A NEMA Community Fund grant is still possible.

## **13 FOOTPATHS/BRIDLEWAYS**

Roma have been asked to carry out the final 'end of season' jobs. They



will be asked to cut the Playing Field hedge well back and to clear the Brook Street/Wymeswold Lane path to one metre width.

#### 14 FINANCE

The half year Comparison to Budget was distributed and a copy is attached to the original Minutes. The revenue side was generally in line with expectations though it was noted that stationery costs were running well ahead of budget, due to increased activity levels. The Bank Reconciliation showed funds totalling £16,254.13 as at end September.

#### 15 CHEQUES

It was proposed Mr Elliott, seconded Mrs Spicer and carried that the following cheques be authorised and signed:

Written since last meeting, authorisation only:

Moss Solicitors      Fishpond balance      8,490.00

Authorisation and signature:

K W Davies	salary/expenses	394.00
Staples	ink cartridge	23.98
Roma Landscapes	Maintenance, October	216.20
Charnwood B/C	Theatre visit (VHMC)	235.00
Gay Pepper	Parish Plan	206.77
Paul Sutton	-"-	4.97

#### 16 MISCELLANEOUS

We shall not be represented at the **Joint Councils meeting** which has been rescheduled for tonight, unfortunately without consultation with us. Mrs Saunders understands that the **Amstrad Computer** may be of use to the School and it was proposed Mr Topham, seconded Mrs Spicer and carried that it be donated to them. Mrs Saunders will confirm.

The Report to the Electoral Commission on **Future Electoral Arrangements for Leicestershire County Council** had been circulated. This recommends that, despite our objections, our parishes and others in the Wolds Ward be included along with Seagrave in a new County constituency to be known as Sileby and the Wolds.

Government consultation papers entitled **A Model Code of Conduct for Local Government Employees and Review of the Regulatory Framework governing the Political Activities of Local Government Employees** had been circulated. The Clerk confirmed that he had no problems with these and it was agreed that no action was necessary.

Following publication of the Parish Plan, the request made earlier this year by **Midlands Rural Housing** to attend a meeting to discuss affordable housing was reconsidered. It was proposed Mr Shields, seconded Mr Topham and carried that Mr Craig Felts be invited to the next meeting.

## 17 **PRESS RELEASE**

Mr Topham expressed concern that early cut off dates mean that reports are appearing a month late in 'The Christian Link' and this will again happen this month. He also felt that the Council should revisit the issue of displaying full Minutes on Notice Boards. This will be discussed next month.

This month's Release will cover the airfield meeting, the B676 footway, the street lighting request, plantation news and acceptance of the Parish Plan Action Plan.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.17 p.m.



# HALF YEAR COMPARISON TO BUDGET

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Balance o/s</u>
<b>RECEIPTS TO 30.9.04</b>			
Rate precept	10,000.00	10,000.00	-
Allotment rents	280.00	290.00	(10.00)
Footpaths	140.00	-	140.00
Burial Ground	200.00	23.00	177.00
Bank Interest	80.00	212.00	(132.00)
Miscellaneous	10.00	10.00	-
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>10,710.00</b>	<b>10,535.00</b>	<b>175.00</b>
<b>PAYMENTS TO 30.9.04</b>			
Clerk's salary	3,347.00	1,674.00	1,673.00
Clerk's travel	240.00	93.00	147.00
Office accommodation	350.00	175.00	175.00
Insurance premium	1,250.00	1,269.00	(19.00)
Communications	240.00	129.00	111.00
Postage	80.00	32.00	48.00
Stationery, etc.	550.00	479.00	71.00
Subscriptions	360.00	293.00	67.00
Audit fee	170.00	170.00	-
Sundry	200.00	59.00	141.00
<b>SUB TOTAL ADMIN</b>	<b>6,787.00</b>	<b>4,373.00</b>	<b>2,414.00</b>
Playing Field A	1,100.00	929.00	171.00
Village Hall	1,312.00	892.00	420.00
Open spaces	633.00	483.00	150.00
Miscellaneous	200.00	55.00	145.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>10,032.00</b>	<b>6,732.00</b>	<b>3,300.00</b>
<b>SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>678.00</b>	<b>3,803.00</b>	<b>3,125.00</b>

A - nett of Cricket Club contribution, £310

## HALF YEAR COMPARISON TO BUDGET

### NON-RECURRING ITEMS

#### INCOME

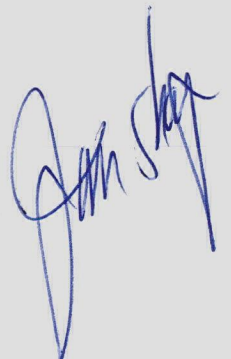
Bus Shelter grants	177.00	
Fishpond Plantation	12,877.00	
Parish Plan	<u>744.00</u>	13,798.00

#### EXPENDITURE

Fishpond Plantation	11,100.00	
Parish Plan	<u>2,443.00</u>	<u>13,543.00</u>

EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE		255.00
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**MINUTES** of a meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 13th September 2004, commencing at 7.30 p.m. 14th

**Present:**

Mr R. Shields (Vice Chairman) in the chair  
Mrs D Edmonds  
Mr J Elliott  
Mrs M Prior  
Mrs R Saunders  
Mrs L Spicer  
Mr K Topham

**In attendance:**

24 Local Government Electors

**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Mr. I. Sharpe (business)

**2 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS**

The Chairman drew attention to further guidance from the Monitoring Officer for Charnwood recently circulated to all Members.

Mrs D Edmonds - personal interest in all matters concerning Burton Village Hall, as Chairman of the VHMC.

Mr J Elliott - personal interest in all matters concerning Burton Village Hall as Council representative to the VHMC. *Playing field as a PFA Committee member.*

Mrs R Saunders - personal interest in matters concerning Prestwold Estate as Secretary of PERS and in the Playing Field as Council representative to the PFA.

Mr R Shields - personal interest in matters concerning Prestwold Estate by reason of acquaintance with Mr E Packe-Drury-Lowe and in matters concerning development of land at Melton Road/Brook Street by acquaintance with Mr T Hubbard.

### 3 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the 13th July meeting were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the acting Chairman after the following amendments:

page 2677, Item 9, second line, delete "had been" replace by "will be".

page 2677, item 11, third line, delete "and no longer", replace by "but still".

### 4 MATTERS ARISING

There were none.

### 5 PLANNING

**P/04/2834 - proposed 53 dwelling development at Melton Road/Brook Street, Burton (David Wilson Homes).** The acting Chairman pointed out that discussion should centre on those matters reserved from Outline Permission P/03/3282 as approved by the Borough Council. A preliminary meeting had taken place with representatives of David Wilson Homes on 27th July as a result of which their original plans had been modified, in particular by a reduction from 11 to 4 three storey houses.

Following initial discussion by Members, the Meeting was adjourned from 7.55 to 8.18 to allow members of the audience to express their views. On the resumption it was agreed, following further discussion, to raise the following issues, with detailed reasoning, in response to the consultation:

- three storey houses are out of place in Burton
- vehicle access to Brook Street is inappropriate
- affordable housing should be targeted at young first time buyers
- the play area should be resited at the western end of the Brook Street frontage
- the landscape buffer to North and East should be full 20 metres



The need for satisfactory repositioning of the eastbound bus stop presently at the Pig Farm entrance will also be pointed out. A request to speak at Plans Committee will be lodged.

**P/04/1901 - retention of use of Runways at Wymeswold Airfield for Training and Vehicle Demonstration.** There has been no movement since the last meeting.

**E/03/0047 - Charnwood Plans Committee** agreed on 15th July to enforce their decision on P/03/1604 (product testing by Vehicle Manufacturers etc.) following complaints from this Council and others that such activities were continuing. Despite this decision two months ago, it appears that the enforcement notice has still not been served and Mr Sharpe is pursuing this at a high level in his capacity as Borough Councillor.

**P/04/1971 - the application for replacement car parking and outline permission for housing development at the Greyhound Inn** were both approved by Charnwood. The applicants were asked to contact this Council about recycling facilities and met yesterday with Mr Topham and the Clerk. Two possible locations were identified and the applicants promised to make appropriate arrangements. They intend to sell the housing land to a developer.

**P/04/2575 - installation of 1 x 15m monopole, housing etc. at Wymeswold Industrial Park (Waldon Telecoms).** A formal application was received during the summer break and, in view of the decision at the last meeting, no objection was raised.

**P/04/2724 - single storey extension to front of 15 Sowters Lane, Burton (Mark Moorhouse).** There was no objection.

The three applications following have all appeared on the Charnwood weekly lists recently but no details have been received. The Clerk was advised by a Planning Officer that they are all minor matters on which they do not consult. Since the Council has invariably been consulted on all local applications hitherto (other than Agricultural Determinations sometimes) it was decided to express concern to the Development Control Manager:

**P/04/2188 - construction of Footbridge over brook, adjacent to 38 Melton Road, Burton (Mr J D Searson)**



**P/04/2676 - display of 'For Sale' sign on Common Land off Sowters Lane, Burton (Mr S D Eversfield)**

**P/04/2906 - lifting and thinning of crown to Ash Tree, 9 The Willows, Burton (Mr & Mrs D Murphy).**

## **6 TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS**

**Melton Road Scheme.** Letters from Mr Simon Lawrence advised, firstly, that the County were consulting frontage properties on the revised scheme and, secondly, that the result had been two responses, one for and one against. After discussion, it was proposed Mr Topham, seconded Mr Elliott and carried that the County be advised that the Council agrees that the scheme should proceed.

**Pedestrian Crossing, Melton Road, Burton.** Formal application was made following the last meetings and an acknowledgement has been received.

**Safety Cameras in Burton.** A response to the Council's protest has been received from the Safety Camera Operator Team Leader advising that 17,810 vehicles passed over a covert speed detection device outside 15 Loughborough Road between 6th - 11th August, of which 63.1% were above the speed limit and 10.3% travelling fast enough to be prosecuted. In view of this, they will deploy the Safety Camera Van to enforce the site, commensurate with other duties. The Council welcomed this change of heart.

**Request for Speed Limit, Prestwold Lane, Prestwold.** Mrs Prior and the Clerk met with officers of the County Council on site on 22nd July following which a proposed scheme for a 40 mph limit on a section of the Lane has been sent for approval. This is linked to proposals for Hoton. It was agreed to confirm that the proposals are acceptable and to suggest that the proposed public consultation take place at Hoton Village Hall.

**Stanford Lane, Cotes.** Mr D Marshall of the County Council advises that he is obtaining consent from Nottinghamshire to introduce a weight restriction on a section of their road near Stanford. When that is obtained, formal consultations will take place and if there are no objections, it will proceed as soon as possible. Leicestershire County Council is formulating a policy for 'quiet lanes' and Stanford Lane will be added to the list for consideration.



**Narrow Lane, Wymeswold.** Advice has been received that the Lane will be closed for resurfacing etc. for seven weeks starting yesterday.

**Proposed extinguishment of Highway Rights, land at Loughborough Road/Cotes Road corner, Prestwold.** The County advise that they wish to remove highway status from this land, which would then be sold for private use. Noting that the land has been occupied by travellers on occasion in recent years, the Council had no objection.

**Bus Links Burton/Barrow.** With publication of the Parish Plan, Mr Kirk the Public Transport Group Manager of the County Council has been sent a copy of the relevant section with a renewed request for a link with Barrow. A response is awaited.

## 7 **ENVIRONMENT**

**Noise from Wymeswold Airfield.** E-mails from Charnwood Environmental Health to Cllr. Sharpe indicate that they will be pro-active in requesting noise test results in future. Twelve cars tested in June easily conformed. Once a year Environmental Health will attend the testing to take their own check measurements. A resident had reported tyre squeal from the airfield on a recent Sunday and had been advised to report it to the Borough.

**Maintenance problems.** The horse chestnut adjacent to the Village Hall has been felled. The problems regarding the quality of resurfacing work in Burton have continued, with a number of residents complaining about Springfield Close. The County have replied that they are aware of the problems and are having discussions with the contractor to carry out remedial work in Burton and elsewhere. Other matters reported to the County have not been attended to, including grass cutting. The Clerk will follow up, raising also the footways on the B676 from the A60 junction and those in Prestwold and copying in Cllr Kershaw.

**Tree Preservation Orders.** A lime tree in Tom Brown's Field, Burton, on which a TPO had been promised back in 1999 has recently been felled. The Chairman established that a contractor had decided the tree was in dangerous condition and this was subsequently confirmed by Charnwood's Chris Buckingham. A TPO would not have saved it.

It transpired from this that the TPO process had not been completed for a group of trees in Hall Drive promised at the same time. Mr Buckingham



says he has now almost completed the survey process and anticipates serving an order shortly.

**Charnwood Design Awards.** The Millennium Garden was Highly Commended in the Landscape section. There is to be an awards ceremony to which an invitation is awaited.

**Charnwood Litter & Cleansing Questionnaire.** Mrs Saunders undertook to complete this on behalf of the Council. It appeared that a number of residents had not received the promised advice from the Borough about the new household collection arrangements about to begin.

**Foul Drainage, 102/106 Loughborough Road, Cotes.** Charnwood advise that agreement has been reached whereby a new septic tank and herringbone system will be installed, resulting in the chamber adjacent to Stanford Lane, which has caused spillage problems in the past, becoming redundant.

**Street Lighting, Seymour Road/Brook Street junction, Burton.** The request for improved lighting, which was unsuccessful last year, has been resubmitted direct to the County this time.

**NEMA matters.** It was announced in August that the new flight paths had been approved but, following heavy criticism of the consultation process, the plans were put on hold for further consultation. There is to be an AARPC meeting on 20th September and Mr Topham will attend. No action will be taken on an Aviation Campaigners' Seminar in London on 25th September, promoted by the CPRE.

## **8 FISHPOND PLANTATION**

Contracts have been exchanged and completion is due on 27th September. The Transfer documents and Overage Agreements were signed by two members and witnessed by the Clerk. They will be returned to Moss Solicitors with the Council's cheque for £8,490.00 balance.

Mrs Spicer handed over a brochure from a local contractor interested in carrying out work on the plantation and this will be considered along with other possibilities when the time comes.



## **9 PARISH PLAN**

There is to be a public meeting on 14th October, chaired by our Chairman, to receive responses to the Action Plan from service providers, including this Council. A sub committee consisting of Mrs Edmonds, Mr Elliott, Mr Topham and the Clerk will prepare responses for approval next month. It remains to be decided who will present these on 14th October.

The Clerk is working with Mr John Stead, Treasurer of the Steering Group, to finalise accounts. A further instalment of the Countryside Agency grant, £743.70, has been received but the Council is currently £966.50 out of pocket, having been in funds throughout most of the Plan process.

## **10 VILLAGE HALL**

The main hall has now been refurbished and Mr Topham proposed congratulations, with Members' support. The Committee Room will be redecorated if funds permit and the damaged light fitting above the War Memorial will be repaired then. The clock has been repaired and the mechanism is to be resited at ground level. The Secretary has confirmed that both the clock and weathervane are covered by the VHMC insurance. The question of disabled access to the toilet area is under discussion.

The question of display boards in the main hall was again discussed, removable boards being considered desirable. This is yet to be resolved (see Item 18)

Cover of the Millennium Garden under and around the tree is somewhat sparse and Mrs Edmonds will take this up with the Gardening Club, reminding them that Council funds are still available.

## **11 BURIAL GROUND/ALLOTMENTS**

The allotment gate post has now been repaired by a Society member at £50, as agreed previously.

## **12 PLAYING FIELD**

The PFA have been unable to obtain grants for the disabled access. It was proposed Mrs Edmonds, seconded Mr Topham and carried that £500 be allocated towards this project.



### 13 FOOTPATHS/BRIDLEWAYS

The local footpaths have not been cleared by Roma. The Clerk will take this and the hedges up with them.

### 14 FINANCE

The external audit by Hacker Young has been completed with no comments raised. Total funds at end August were £23,011.21, including plantation donations but this amount will fall considerably shortly with current commitments.

### 15 CHEQUES

It was proposed Mr Topham, seconded Mrs Saunders and carried that the following cheques be authorised and signed:

#### written since last meeting - authorisation only

B Stead	p/plan expenses	180.08
T Edmonds	-"-	154.54
Severn Trent	PFA	49.00)
-"-	Allotments	45.10)
-"-	B/ground	cr. 22.92)
Staples	office supplies	32.97
K Wilcockson	allotment gate repair	50.00
Moss Solicitors	F/plantation deposit	2610.00
Roma Landscapes	maint. July	249.10
Allianz Cornhill	V/H insurance	799.79
Foxprint	P/plan brochures	895.00)
-"-	VDS brochures	854.38)
RCC	P/plan 2nd payment	375.00
Hacker Young	Audit	141.00

#### authorisation and signature

K W Davies	salary/expenses	716.54
Staples	photocopying	21.90)
-"-	ink cartridges etc.	130.33)
-"-	photocopying	2.10)
-"-	-"-	5.78)
Roma Landscapes	maint. August	216.20
B Stead	P/plan postage	9.95



## 16 MISCELLANEOUS

The **Joint Councils meeting** scheduled for 8th September was postponed, new date to be advised. The **County Service** will be held on 7th November. An appeal from **Crimestoppers** was noted. It was agreed that Mrs Saunders would enquire whether the Council's **Amstrad computer and printer**, unused for many years, could be of use to any organisation.

It was proposed Mrs Saunders, seconded Mr Topham and carried that the NALC/SLCC recommendations for Clerk's salary be adopted. This comprises 2.75% increase backdated to 1st April this year, a further 2.95% from 1st April 2005 and a further 2.95% or the cost of living increase, whichever is the greater, from 1st April 2006. The car allowance is increased from 49.4p per mile to 50.5p this year with next year to be arranged.

## 17 PRESS RELEASE

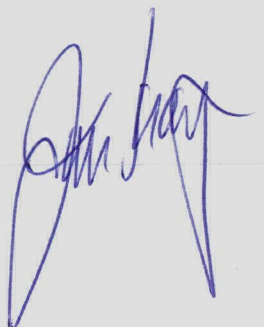
The new Wolds villages website **www.thewolds.org.uk** is now operational, under control of Mr Glenn Archer from Walton. It was agreed to make the Council Minutes available on this site after approval each month.

This month's Press Release will cover the David Wilson Homes response, Melton Road, Cotes and Prestwold traffic news, the Safety Camera about face, extinguishment of highway rights at Cotes Road, plantation news, the Garden Award, Village Hall refurbishment, NEMA and completion of the audit.

## 18 QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

These concerned the airport routeing proposals, replanting the Millennium Garden and the Playgroup displays in the Village Hall. In the latter case it was suggested that the Playgroup make known their wishes/proposals.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 10.00 p.m.



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**MINUTES of a meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 13th July 2004, commencing at 7.30 p.m.**

**Present:**

Mr R Shields (Vice Chairman) in the chair  
Mr J Elliott  
Mrs M Prior  
Mrs R Saunders  
Mr K Topham

K W Davies (Clerk)

**In attendance:** Mr S Lawrence - Leicestershire County Council  
Mr I Vears - " -  
Mr A M Kershaw (County Councillor) [items 1 - 5]  
Ten Local Government Electors

**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Mr I Sharpe (prior engagement)  
Mrs D Edmonds and Mrs L Spicer (holidays)

**2 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS**

Mrs R Saunders - personal interest in matters concerning Prestwold Estate as Secretary of PERS

Mr R Shields - personal interest in matters concerning Prestwold Estate by reason of acquaintance with Mr E Packe-Drury-Lowe.

**3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

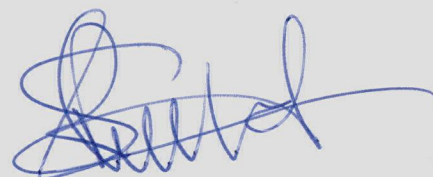
It was proposed Mr Topham, seconded Mr Elliott and carried that the Minutes of the extraordinary meeting on 1st June and of the monthly meeting on 8th June be accepted as true and correct records and signed by the acting Chairman.

**4 MATTERS ARISING**

There were none.

**5 TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS**

**Melton Road Scheme.** At their request, Mr Lawrence and Mr Vears attended to update Members on the current situation and proposed change of plan with regard to the speed reduction scheme on Melton Road, Burton.





Mr Lawrence advised that of the three elements of the scheme, amended speed limit signage, road marking and construction of a refuge, the first two were now complete. However, the cost of the refuge had been underestimated. The County officers' view is that the higher cost now apparent is not good use of public funds. After discussing the situation with the Lead Member, they believe a better option would be provision of three speed activated signs. They wish to discuss this tonight and to identify a way forward. A plan was provided showing the new proposals, together with descriptions of various types of signs.

Mr Vears explained that such schemes have been trialled elsewhere, particularly in Norfolk, and found to be very effective. A variety of messages and speed activation triggers are available. They are activated by vehicles 100 yards away and are only visible from directly in front; they do not cast light in any other direction. They were successfully introduced three years ago at Castle Donington and the experience has been that their effectiveness is not reduced over time as drivers become familiar with them.

In response to members' questions and comments, Mr Lawrence said that the costs of such a scheme would be considerably lower than the £40/50,000 for the refuge. They have a £25,000 overshoot on the cost of the original scheme, a major part of that being diversion of underground services. He understood that the benefit of the refuge to assist crossing the road would be lost but felt that this would be offset by the expected success of the new scheme in slowing traffic. The current problems of signs obscured by greenery would need to be addressed.

The meeting was adjourned from 7.55 to 8.10 p.m. to enable members of the public to raise comments and questions. On resumption, Mr Lawrence was asked what alternatives are available if Members feel they cannot support these proposals. He advised that there is nothing else on offer. It was pointed out that the County Council have a moral responsibility to give residents more protection from the heavy traffic inflicted on the village by the status of the B676. There was discussion about a pedestrian crossing and whilst it does not form part of the present proposals, Mr Vears agreed that a separate request could be formulated and members decided to put forward such a request. The likely effect of the pending pig farm development was also discussed, particularly the Section 106 provision for similar signs to those under discussion now. This will be treated as a separate issue given the unknown timescale for the pig farm proposals.

In conclusion it was agreed to accept the principal of what is being proposed, which will now enter a formal consultation process. The acting Chairman thanked Mr Lawrence and Mr Vears for attending and they left the meeting.

**Melton Road resurfacing.** Advice has been received that the section of B676 between the A46 North slip Road at Six Hills and Wymeswold Lane will be closed for resurfacing for three days from 19th July.



**Parking outside Filling Station, Melton Road, Burton.** A complaint had been received from a resident who had been involved in a near miss due to a truck parked outside the filling station/shop. She complained to the Police who told her that any time a vehicle causes an obstruction there it can be reported to the Police who will give it an incident number, ensuring that action will be taken.

**Closure of Meadow Lane, Loughborough.** The road was reopened in early July, two months late. Subsequently the Chairman received a complaint from a Stanford Lane resident about renewed speeding and the County Council have been asked to review the situation in the light of previous correspondence.

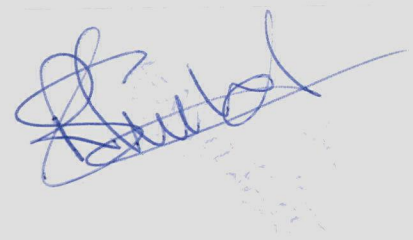
**Safety Cameras in Burton.** The letter from the Safety Camera Team Leader (Leicestershire Constabulary) which advises that the camera was deployed on Loughborough Road, Burton on 11th May when "15% of drivers were found to be driving within the limit for speed prosecution" was discussed, having been circulated after the last meeting. The letter goes on to say that this represents good compliance and consequently the camera team will not revisit the location. BURSAG have received a similar letter. It was agreed that this was highly unsatisfactory and a response should be sent challenging the conclusions.

**Request for Speed Limit, Prestwold Lane, Prestwold.** Mr Paul Coeshaw of the County Council is arranging a site meeting with all interested parties, including the Police and Hoton Parish Council, for 22nd July at 10 a.m. to progress this issue. Mrs Prior and the Clerk will attend.

**Road/footway resurfacing, Burton.** Further problems are arising because of the poor quality of this work, this time in Somerset Close where a lady cyclist had been almost thrown from her cycle by the uneven road surface. A further complaint will be lodged.

## 6 PLANNING

**P/04/1901 - retention of use of runways at Wymeswold Airfield for training and vehicle demonstration.** This fresh application appears to be identical with P/03/1604, rejected by Charnwood Plans Committee on 3rd June, before the bunds were added to it. The Planning Officers have indicated that, unless substantial amendments are made addressing the issues raised in Plans Committee, they would reject it under their delegated powers. The applicants have indicated that they are looking at a package of mitigating works, including signage, surface treatment etc. Should this come about, there will be a further consultation. It was agreed that, on the basis of the information presently before the Council, the application should be opposed on the same basis as before.





**E/03/0047 - Enforcement of P/03/1604 (product testing by vehicle manufacturers on Wymeswold Airfield).** There have been further promotional days at the airfield since permission was refused. This enforcement action is to come before Plans Committee on 15th July and the Parish Council has obtained permission to speak. It was agreed that Mr Topham should speak in support of enforcement.

**P/04/1971 - change of use of land to provide replacement public house parking - The Greyhound, Burton (S & N Pub Enterprises)** and

**P/04/1489 - site for erection of three dwellings - The Greyhound, Burton (S & N Pub Enterprises).** It was agreed to consider these two applications together. No objection will be raised but, since the bottle bank/recycling site will be lost, a request will be made for alternative facilities.

**P/03/1289 - erection of detached house and garage to front of 15 Barrow Road, Burton.** A response from Mr Peter Blitz to the Council's letter expressing concern at this decision was read and will be circulated. It was agreed that there is no more the Council can do.

**P/03/3282 - Residential Development at Melton Road/Brook Street, Burton.** The amended Section 106 agreement reported last month was duly approved at Plans Committee. *See also Item 8, Parish Plan.*

**P/04/1874 - change of use of Garage to Residential and replacement of Timber Stable with Blockwork Rendered Stable, 40 Wymeswold Lane, Burton (Mr P Veitch).** This dwelling is outside the limits to development and it was recollected that restrictions had been placed when redevelopment took place some years ago. It was agreed to object to conversion of the garage because this will create a new dwelling and to be consistent with other decisions outside the development limits, e.g. 79 Melton Road. There is no objection to the stable proposal.

**P/04/1863 - single storey extension to rear of 16 Somerset Close, Burton (Mr & Mrs Dunn)** and

**P/04/2025 - single storey extension to rear and porch to front of 10 Springfield Close, Burton (Mr & Mrs Loveday).** and

**P/04/2056 - single storey extension to front of 6 Somerset Close, Burton (John Stewart Hallam).** No objections had been raised to any of these applications, for which consultation had closed prior to this meeting.

**Proposed Airwave Communications Site for Leicestershire Constabulary at Wymeswold Industrial Park (Waldon Telecom Ltd.)** - This pre-consultation relates to a 15 metre high monopole and other equipment on the site of an existing mast. Since there is no habitation in the vicinity, it was agreed not to oppose.



## 7 ENVIRONMENT

**Fishpond Plantation.** A summary of developments since the last meeting was distributed (copy attached to original Minutes). This afternoon the County Council confirmed a Shire Grant of £10,000. This means that the purchase price is now fully covered before any Parish Council funds are committed, with a small surplus towards initial works.

The ad hoc committee will meet again to take the purchase forward, including preparation of a management plan and risk assessment in which assistance from Mr Paul Hogan will be sought. It was proposed Mr Topham, seconded Mrs Saunders and carried that the Committee be authorised to sign the Transfer documents and cheques in order to complete the purchase within the previously agreed parameters.

**Street Cleansing.** Communications are much better since the 'clear the air' meeting with e-mails being received from the contractors on 14th June and again today advising arrangements made.

**Planters.** The Highways Authority have advised that agreement will be required from those in the vicinity of the proposed locations. Although the availability of funds is somewhat unclear due to the Fishpond purchase, it was agreed to seek agreement from those concerned.

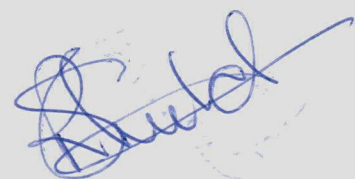
**Maintenance problems.** Although Mr Elliott has heard that a contractor has been approached to attend to the horse chestnut adjoining the Village Hall, it was agreed to refer the matter to the County Council. The St Philips Road open space has now been cleared. The various matters referred to the County previously remain untouched and these will be monitored.

**Prestwold Hall, outdoor musical event, Sunday 4th July.** This event did not take place, reason unknown.

**Estate Agents' Boards, Sowters Lane, Burton.** Mrs Helen Robinson, Enforcement Officer has written to confirm that the signs have been removed. The Chairman had received a letter from Mr Stephen Eversfield of 5 Seals Close requesting permission for such a sign at Sowters Lane/Melton Road. It was agreed to advise Mr Eversfield that this is a Borough matter on which the Parish Council is not empowered to give a ruling.

**Flooding Information Pack.** The Borough have now delivered this large pack, including CD-Rom, Video and printed matter. This will be circulated.

**Charnwood Design Awards.** Despite the earlier decision not to enter, the Borough Council have brought forward last year's entry and included it this time. In the circumstances, the Clerk has supplied background material. It was suggested that the Gardening Club be advised, since the judges may well visit the Garden shortly.





**Refuse Collection changes.** The Borough advise that leaflets explaining the changes are to be distributed between 12th and 19th July.

## 8 PARISH PLAN

No objections having been made after perusal of the amended draft, Mr Tony Edmonds was advised accordingly. Final printing and distribution is scheduled for end July. It was agreed to accept the Steering Group's suggestion of a meeting, to be chaired by the Council, with service providers and the village at large on Thursday 14th October. This will follow the celebration on Sunday 3rd October, between 3 - 10 p.m. in the Village Hall.

The latest Minutes have been circulated, including reference to a meeting with David Wilson Homes to hear about proposals for the pig farm site. It was agreed to point out to David Wilson Homes that the Council, as a statutory consultee, expects to be directly involved in the pre-application process.

## 9 VILLAGE HALL

Mr Elliott had been able to attend the last Committee meeting and he confirmed that an individual ~~had been~~ <sup>will be</sup> appointed to ensure that flags are flown on appropriate occasions. Plans are in hand for refurbishment and it had been felt that the playgroup wall posters could be left in place until then. A note from the Secretary confirms that work will start on 26th July. She will be storing the five pictures from the Reading Room at home and the War Memorials will be covered during work.

The communication from Ms Jane Champion had been passed over to the Clerk by the Committee and in view of some ambiguity in it, it was left to Mr Topham to deal with the matter. The Clerk has written to Mrs Myring pointing out that the Council's May 2002 AGM decided that insurance of the clock and weathervane should be arranged on the Village Hall policy.

## 10 BURIAL GROUND/ALLOTMENTS

The allotment rents, again totalling £290.00, have been received. It has not been possible to repair the gate post yet and an invoice will follow.

It was pointed out that the boundary hedge is overhanging Melton Road up to the newly trimmed hedge at No. 40 Wymeswold Lane and Roma will be asked to attend.

## 11 PLAYING FIELD

Mrs Saunders advised that the Summer Fete made approx £1200 this year. The PFA are no longer looking to change the annual inspection arrangements ~~and no longer~~ <sup>but still</sup> require financial assistance towards the

provision of disabled access. The Clerk advised that a quotation from ATB is still awaited - they have been on holiday.

## 12 FOOTPATHS/BRIDLEWAYS

Miss Sue Johnson, the County Access Officer, has confirmed that Roma Landscape's price of £3.10 per 100 yards for 'headland management' is acceptable and that this work can be carried out and the County will foot the bill as before. Roma have been advised accordingly. They will be told that paths should be cleared to minimum one metre width.

The pointer by the pond on the Brook Street/Wymeswold Lane path has been removed and the County will be asked to replace it.

## 13 FINANCE

Since there will be no meeting in August and major expenditure on both the Parish Plan and Fishpond acquisition is expected that month, it was agreed that such expenditure as is consistent with previous decisions be authorised.

## 14 CHEQUES

It was proposed Mr Topham, seconded Mr Elliott and carried that the following cheques be authorised and signed:

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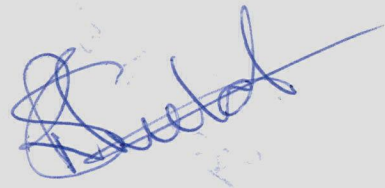
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K W Davies	salary/expenses	346.51
Staples	photocopying	20.56)
-"	paper	11.95)
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-"	photocopying etc.	26.48)
-"	laminating pouches	41.97)
Playground Management	RoSPA inspection	78.14
Roma Landscapes	maintenance	301.97
John Saunders	P/Plan p/copies	2.63

## 15 MISCELLANEOUS

Mr Topham and the Clerk had attended the **Annual Meeting between County Council and Parishes** on 30th June. This had been of less value than previously though Mr Topham drew attention to the offer of free assistance in setting up a Parish Council website which could be of interest if the local website, not updated for several months now, is not fully operational





by the next meeting, in September. Otherwise Mr Bruce Jamieson's Highways presentation was of most interest. A highway Charter is to be published within the next few weeks, twice yearly Parish Council workshops are promised and they are actively promoting speed reactive signs.

A consultation on the **Charnwood Economic Development Strategy** will be circulated, as will a proposal for pilot projects from **Local Alchemy**. An invitation to apply to be a **Trustee of the Rural Community Council** was noted.

Although no meeting is scheduled for August, it was agreed to convene if necessary should events concerning the Fishpond Plantation or Wymeswold Airfield require it.

## **16 PRESS RELEASE**

This will include the Melton Road traffic proposals, Cotes and Prestwold speed restriction issues, Fishpond and Airfield updates, response to The Greyhound planning applications and to the Airwave consultation, the pig farm Section 106 details, the parking situation outside the Filling Station and a request to keep boundary trees and hedges clear of footways.

## **17 QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

These concerned poor maintenance of the Melton Road verges by the County Council, including cropping the daffodils in full flower and a suggestion that Members might care to visit a meeting at Mallory Park racetrack next weekend to see what lessons might be learned in the context of further development at the airfield.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.55 p.m.

**MINUTES of a meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 8th June 2004, commencing at 7.30 p.m.**

**Present:**

Mr I Sharpe (Chairman)  
Mr J Elliott  
Mrs M Prior  
Mrs R Saunders  
Mr R Shields  
Mrs L Spicer  
Mr K Topham

K W Davies (Clerk)

**In attendance:** Six Local Government Electors  
Mr A M Kershaw (County Councillor) - items 5 and 7 (Fishpond)

**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Mrs D Edmonds (family engagement)

**2 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS**

Mrs R Saunders - personal interest in matters concerning Prestwold Estate as Secretary of PERS

Mr I Sharpe - personal interest as Borough Councillor in all acts and proceedings of Charnwood Borough Council

Mr R Shields - personal interest in matters concerning Prestwold Estate by reason of acquaintance with Mr E Packe-Drury-Lowe.

**3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded Mr Shields and carried that the exempt status of Item 7 - Fishpond Plantation - at the Meeting on 11th May, at the reconvened session on 14th May and the extraordinary Meeting on 1st June all be withdrawn.

It was proposed Mr Topham, seconded Mrs Saunders and carried that the Minutes of the Meeting on 11th May (including the completion on 14th May) be accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**4 MATTERS ARISING**

There were none.





## 5 TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS

**Melton Road Scheme.** The second phase, gateway markings at each end of Burton, is taking place at the moment and will finish this week. Mr Simon Lawrence advised earlier today that the central refuge will not now go ahead as part of this scheme. Apparently the cost is under review. A meeting is to be held with Cllr Kershaw to discuss the way forward. Cllr Kershaw was not aware of this development and promised to follow up and advise. His understanding is that sufficient money has been budgeted for the scheme this year.

It was noted that the new 30 mph signs are obscured by foliage and this will be reported.

**Resurfacing, Burton.** This work has now been carried out in and around Seymour Road but the quality is poor. This will be reported to LCC.

**Closure of Meadow Lane, Loughborough.** This work has still not been finished and traffic conditions in the peak hour through Cotes are still very bad.

**Back Lane, Cotes.** It has been noted that vehicles visiting the Cash and Carry Warehouse at the former Torchrise site are joining the B676 without due care and this will be brought to the attention of the Highway Authority.

**Prestwold Village Sign.** It has now been noted that the sign is reinstated, on the reverse of another direction sign.

**Bus link to Barrow.** A response from Mr Tony Kirk, Group Manager - Public Transport for the County Council indicates that there are scheduling and other constraints making it impossible to route the 27 service through Burton. Nonetheless, the service will be reviewed in early autumn and other possible solutions for Burton are to be looked at by the West Leicestershire Rural Transport Partnership. A response with further details of likely demand for such a service will be sent once the Parish Plan is published.

**Melton Road Bus Shelter.** All grants have now been received as promised and, out of an overall cost of £2576, the Parish Council has had to contribute just £429.

**Speeding through Burton.** The Leicestershire Constabulary Camera Operator Team Leader has written to say that on 11th May 15% of drivers were found to be driving within the limit for speed prosecution. She comments that this is good compliance and therefore the team will not revisit the location. BURSAG have received a similar letter and have responded. The correspondence will be circulated and placed on the next agenda.



## 6 PLANNING

**P/03/1604 - Retention of runways at Wymeswold Airfield for Training and Vehicle demonstration.** Charnwood Plans Committee refused both the retention application and the bunds on 3rd June by a majority of nine to one. An appeal is expected and a further application has been lodged, understood to be similar to the original, without the bunds. Members extended thanks to Bill Pickford, who spoke at Committee on behalf of villagers and offered useful ideas on noise limitation. Thanks were also due to the many residents who attended the Committee, enduring a three hour wait before this item was heard. A letter will be sent to the Head of Planning Services offering suggestions to avoid such lengthy delays in future.

**P/03/0610 - extension to agricultural road, Wymeswold Airfield.** A letter from Mrs Helen Robinson, Enforcement Officer, who is not prepared to take any action regarding this complaint, was received with disappointment.

**P/03/1289 - erection of detached house and garage to front of 15 Barrow Road, Burton.** As yet there has been no response from Mr Blitz to the letter sent last month. The Chairman will follow this up.

**P/04/1759 - erection of detached garage to rear of 15 Barrow Road, Burton (John Walker)** - there was no objection. An e-mail from the Planning Officer advises that permission is not required to go up to 4 metres high and the applicant can go ahead up to this level before permission is granted.

**P/03/3282 - Residential Development at Melton Road/Brook Street, Burton.** Details of the latest proposal for a Section 106 agreement include reallocation of funds between the three local schools (including £64,841 for Burton Primary). It is understood that the Head Teacher is satisfied with this. There are to be seven affordable housing units, together with £10,000 towards traffic calming. These latest proposals must be ratified at Plans Committee.

A resident has asked the Council to support provision of lock up garages on the site for occupants of existing properties nearby. It was felt that this could only be considered at full planning stage.

**P/04/1478 - extensions to side of 8 St Philips Road, Burton (R Hoddlestone)** - this consultation had a deadline of 2nd June and no objection was raised.





**P/04/1494 - extensions and carport, Ashbrook Farm, Six Hills (Mr & Mrs G Bewley) and**

**P/04/1746 - dormer windows to rear of 4 St Philips Road, Burton (Mr & Mrs Blackshaw) - no objections were raised.**

**P/04/1523 - alterations to parking and erection of two brick piers, Burton Hall (Steeple Grange Investments).** No objection will be lodged, subject to satisfactory arrangements for all vehicles, including commercials, having sufficient room to turn and leave in a forward direction.

**P/04/1589 - Certificate of Lawfulness for existing use as dwelling and offices, 281 Narrow Lane, Burton (Mr L W Pickavant) -** No consultation has been received although details appeared on the weekly list from Charnwood. It seems that this has been wrongly referred to Wymeswold.

**Local Development Framework.** No response will be made to this document pending more detailed proposals.

**Improvements in delivery of Development Control Services.** A letter from the Head of Planning Services dated 10th May was noted.

**Midlands Rural Housing - local housing needs in Burton.** A proposal to undertake a Housing Needs Survey, with particular regard to affordable homes has been received. Midlands Rural Housing will be advised that the Council will respond more fully once the relevant sections of the Parish Plan have been assessed.

## **7 ENVIRONMENT**

**Fishpond Plantation.** *(this item was taken out of sequence after No.4).* A review of the situation to date was circulated which the Clerk summarised. Mather Jamie have confirmed acceptance of the Council's bid of £26,100, subject to being satisfied that borrowing arrangements are reliable. The Clerk is to ring them tomorrow to confirm. Donations have now reached £9585.00

The Chairman stressed that the plantation would be an important strategic asset and Members expressed thanks to Mr Paul Sutton, who was present, for galvanising support from villagers. In view of the very full price to be paid, it was agreed to make a further appeal to each household for further support, over the Chairman's signature. The target will be £3000 and the appeal will close on 20th June.

Mrs Spicer, who had not been able to be present at the extraordinary meeting, expressed concern that the bid price had more than doubled with implications for the precept in future years. The Chairman pointed out that



the decision had been properly taken in a constitutional manner.

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded Mr Elliott and carried that an ad hoc committee be formed to progress the purchase and ultimately to prepare for setting up a trust to manage the woodland. This will consist of three Members and two non-Members. It was agreed that Mr Shields, Mrs Saunders and Mr Topham would represent the Council and Mr Sutton accepted an invitation to join. His advice was sought as to the additional member and he will check whether Mr Phil Simmons is available.

It is hoped that financial support can be generated from Charnwood Borough and the Chairman has arranged for Mr Paul Hogan, Head of Cultural Services, to visit the Plantation tomorrow evening. Members of the ad hoc committee will meet him there. A press release will be issued to keep residents advised of progress. It was agreed that donations should be paid in to the existing bank account.

**NEMA.** Although no direct advice has been received, Hoton Council have been told that the departure corridor has been narrowed from 1500 metres to 1250 metres either side of the centre line, which should take the closest departing aircraft 250 metres further away from Burton.

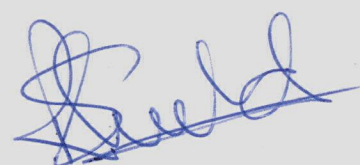
**Street Cleansing.** There has been a perceptible improvement in cleansing activities in Burton since the recent meeting, with monthly sweeping of the B676 and the side streets also being swept. There are no problems in Cotes and Prestwold.

**Planters.** There has been no response from County Highways. This will be chased before the next meeting.

**B676 footway.** Although the gutters were cleared from Cotes towards Burton, the footways were not touched and are virtually unusable in places. Action will be requested. Trees are overhanging where the footway borders the Prestwold Estate and this will be reported. Trees are affecting visibility to the west of Brickwood Place.

**Maintenance problems.** The brook in Burton has been thoroughly cleared but the open space off St Philips Road remains untouched. The Borough officer responsible, Mr John Clark will talk to the contractor about this. Trees from Hall Drive are overhanging Melton Road, Burton. and hedges around 40 Wymeswold Lane are obstructing the footway. Polite letters will be sent.

**Horse Chestnut adjacent to Village Hall.** No action has yet been taken in response to the Council's letter (May 25) and this was deferred until next month.





**Lighting, Seymour Road/Brook Street junction.** This badly lit area was reported to the Borough in October last year. Apparently Charnwood passed this on to County who took no action. Charnwood will again submit their list this October but it was agreed to lobby the County direct this time.

**Prestwold Hall, application for Outdoor Musical Entertainment Licence, Sunday 4th July.** It is understood that this event - 'Real Music, Real Ale, Real Food' - will run from midday to 9 p.m.. It was agreed not to object but to ask that noise be controlled effectively, pointing out the problems resulting from the 'Sounds of the Seventies' event a year ago.

**Estate Agents' Boards, Sowters Lane.** A further occurrence has been reported to the Enforcement Officer who promises to investigate.

**Borough Green Space Consultation.** This document will be circulated quickly with members asked to note any comments thereon, in view of the early closure date,

**Flooding Information Packs.** The Borough advise that copies of this Environment Agency information pack are available and a copy has been requested.

## **8 PARISH PLAN**

Following the meeting to consider the action plan, Mr Tony Edmonds has now provided a revised version which has been distributed to Members. To enable the Steering Group to press on, it was proposed by the Chairman, seconded Mr Elliott and carried that any two Members may ask for the document to be called in within five days, otherwise agreement will be assumed and Mr Edmonds advised accordingly.

## **9 VILLAGE HALL**

Mrs Edmonds sent word that the suppliers have examined the clock and attributed the problem to malicious damage with a probable repair cost of around £350/400. A full report is awaited. The Clerk will check the insurance situation.

Mr Elliott advised that he had attended the May meeting, which was the AGM. It had been arranged to send a letter regarding the comments by a Youth Club leader, referred to last month, to the Council but this has not yet been received.

An invoice for £88.13 for boiler service has been passed to the Council. In view of the current heavy demands on Council funds, it was proposed Mr Shields, seconded Mrs Saunders and carried that the Management Committee be asked to meet the nett cost of this invoice with the Council paying and reclaiming the VAT element.



It was noted that no flag has been flown on any of the recent occasions when it would have been appropriate and it was felt that this was unfortunate given the amount of money from the George Harvey fund recently spent on the flagpole and flags. Mr Elliott advised that this had been brought up at the recent meeting and undertook to take the Council's comments back to the Committee.

It was also noted that the quantity of playgroup material on the walls had increased despite earlier correspondence on the subject and the Council's wishes were not being respected. Mr Elliott will put this and the preceding item in writing since he cannot attend the next meeting.

#### **10 BURIAL GROUND/ALLOTMENTS**

Mr Chris Ward has advised that the main gate post to the allotments needs replacing, at an estimated cost of £50. The Clerk has verified this and it was agreed that the repair cost be deducted from the allotment rents now due.

#### **11 PLAYING FIELD**

Mrs Saunders advised that it had not been possible to secure any grant towards the disability work. Since the only quotation received is from the County Council, the Clerk will seek further quotes.

The recent RoSPA inspection had taken a very hard line and asked for immediate closure of the Multiplay equipment, described as high risk. This was felt to be over-reaction and the Clerk will check on alternative inspection arrangements.

The annual Summer Fete will be on Sunday, 20th June.

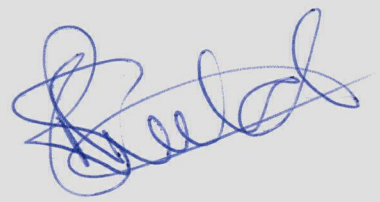
#### **12 FOOTPATHS/BRIDLEWAYS**

A meeting with Miss Sue Johnson, LCC Access Officer, took place recently and it is hoped that the arrangement whereby County meet the cost of maintaining designated footpaths will continue. It is hoped to finalise prices with Roma Landscapes tomorrow.

Provisional maps of registered common land and open country have been received from the Countryside Agency and these appear to be unchanged from the previous issue. Appeals are required by 20th August.

#### **13 FINANCE**

The internal audit has been completed and signed off. The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Trevor Todd for his efforts, which was seconded by Mr Topham and carried.



The updated Inventory which had not been available at the AGM had been circulated and was agreed.

The Chairman read the Statement of Assurance, Section 2 of the Annual Report and it was proposed Mr Shields, seconded Mrs Saunders and unanimously agreed that this be approved and signed.

#### 14 CHEQUES

It was proposed Mr Shields, seconded Mr Topham and carried that the following cheques be authorised and signed:

K W Davies	salary/expenses	340.86
Staples	photocopying	44.77
JRB Enterprises	dog gloves	37.31
Roma Landscapes	maintenance, April	227.95
"-	"- May	260.85
Allianz Cornhill	Council insurance	1268.74
"-	P F A insurance	367.50
Trevor Todd	internal audit	50.00
C P R E	subscription	25.00
S L C C	Clerk's Manual	24.00
Info.Commissioner	Data Protection	35.00
LCC Barrow	printing (P/plan)	17.10
Leics Footpath Ass.	subscription	4.50
K E Topham	Chairman's expenses	13.94

#### 15 MISCELLANEOUS

The **Mayor's Civic Service** on 20th June and **Leicestershire Rural Partnership Annual Conference** on 8th July were noted. Wymeswold Parish Council have supplied a **boundary map for the Loughborough Town Surgery** which encompasses our three communities.

It was decided to take the Council's **annual summer holiday** in August this year, when there will be no meeting.

It was agreed that the **Clerk's salary** be reviewed next month, subject to the recommendations of the NALC being known.

#### 16 PRESS RELEASE

The local website is not being updated and the Chairman undertook to talk to Mr Tom Dijkstra.

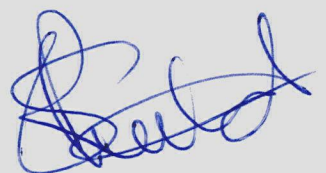
Items for inclusion this time will be the Fishpond Plantation (with particular thanks to Mr Sutton), the airfield decision, Melton Road traffic scheme, NEMA corridor narrowing and the planning officer's 15 Barrow Road request.



## 17 QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

A request was made to make it clear that the decision regarding promotional activities at Wymeswold Airfield does not preclude continuance of recreational activities.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.52 p.m.

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**MINUTES of an Extraordinary Meeting of Burton on the Wolds,  
Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall,  
Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 1st June 2004, commencing at  
7.30 p.m.**

**Present:**

Mr I Sharpe (Chairman)  
Mrs D Edmonds  
Mr J Elliott  
Mr R Shields  
Mr K Topham

**Apologies**

Mrs M Prior, Mrs R Saunders, Mrs L Spicer (prior engagements)

**FISHPOND PLANTATION**

The Meeting was convened solely to discuss latest developments with regard to the Fishpond Plantation, the agents for the vendors having indicated that best and final offers are required by noon on 4th June.

The Clerk distributed a paper summarising the situation to date. Donations received or promised to date total £9010. It was agreed not to pursue an offer of £5000 conditional on part of the wood being fenced off for private use.

Mr Shields has received information that there are other bidders from within the village and one from outside it who is believed to be determined to succeed. Mr Shields is able to contact the vendor, Mr Robert Harlow and could perhaps negotiate with him.

The current availability of funds is as follows

donations	9000
reserves	4000
borrowing	7700
Shire Grant	2500 - estimate only, not guaranteed
	23,200

It was proposed Mr Topham and seconded Mr Elliott that the Council bid £25,000 for the land. An amendment to bid £26,100 was proposed Mrs Edmonds, seconded Mr Sharpe and carried. Mr Shields was authorised to negotiate with Mr Harlow with a view to concluding an agreement not exceeding this figure.





The Clerk will talk to Mr & Mrs Thomson, who have advised willingness to contribute towards any shortfall, indicating a likely shortfall of £2500 and a need to underwrite the £2500 Shire Grant.

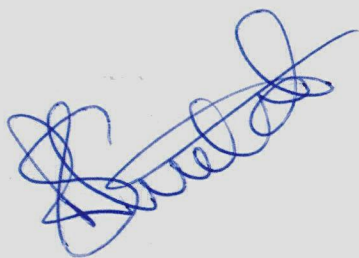
Mr Sharpe advised that there is no indication of any Borough funds being available.

Mrs Edmonds offered to underwrite the £7700 loan.

Mr Byass of Moss Solicitors has agreed to act for the Council.

The conditions in Mather Jamie's letter 26.5.04 were agreed.

On conclusion of business, the Meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.

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**MINUTES** of reconvened Meeting of Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held at 8 Melton Road, Burton on the Wolds on Friday 14th May 2004, commencing at 7.00 p.m.

***N.B. This Meeting was held to complete urgent business from the 11th May Council Meeting concerning the Fishpond Plantation, Burton on the Wolds. It was held at 8 Melton Road as the Village Hall was unavailable. In view of the commercially sensitive nature of the business to be discussed, it was resolved to exclude non-Members in a closed session.***

**Present:**

Mr I Sharpe (Chairman)  
Mr J Elliott  
Mrs R Saunders  
Mr R Shields

**Apologies:**

Mrs D Edmonds, Mr K Topham (prior engagements)

**7 ENVIRONMENT**

**Fishpond Plantation (continued).**

The Council's available funds are approx. £8850 after allowing £2750 committed to Village Hall refurbishment but before any of the other projects under consideration this year. Council policy is not to let reserves fall below £5000 although this could be altered by resolution. Approximately £4000 could be allocated to the purchase before this limit is breached.

Shire Grants are administered by the County Council and will not exceed 50% of costs up to a maximum of £10,000. Applications must be lodged, if only in outline, before an offer is made.

All Council borrowing must have approval from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister. There is no maximum but the minimum is not less than our S.137 limit, currently £3069.50 but may be about to go up to £4385. Application is through the County Association and should take about 14 days. The Public Works Loan Board rates appear lower than other sources of borrowing - details are available.

It was proposed Mr Sharpe, seconded Mrs Saunders and carried that the Council borrow £6700, if required, over ten years.





It was agreed to pay the County Association subscription, presently under examination, to facilitate the borrowing process.

A Shire Grant application for £6000 (50% of anticipated £11,300 bid + £700 legals) will be lodged immediately. Mr Shields will speak to County Councillor Tony Kershaw to enlist his support.

The bid will be lodged with Mather Jamie early next week, subject to contract. It will be emphasised that the bid is on behalf of the community, with the intention to set up a trust to administer it in perpetuity for their benefit.

Mr Ken Byass of Moss Solicitors will be approached, when appropriate, to act on the Council's behalf.

Mr Paul Sutton will be asked to contact those local people who have promised donations (currently totalling £4500) asking them to let the Council have their cheques. It was proposed Mr Sharpe, seconded Mr Shields and carried that the Clerk be authorised to open a separate bank account if necessary. All donations would be returned should the bid prove unsuccessful, otherwise donations would be irrevocable. Every effort should be made to obtain further contributions.

On conclusion of business, the Meeting closed at 7.35 p.m.



**MINUTES of a Meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 11th May 2004, commencing at 7.50 p.m.**

**Present:**

Mr I Sharpe (Chairman)  
Mrs D Edmonds  
Mr J Elliott  
Mrs M Prior  
Mrs R Saunders  
Mr R Shields  
Mrs L Spicer  
Mr K Topham

K W Davies (Clerk)

**In attendance:** Eight Local Government Electors  
Mr A M Kershaw (County Councillor) - Item 7 (part)

**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were none, all Members being present.

**2 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS**

Mrs R Saunders - personal interest in matters concerning Prestwold Estate as Secretary of PERS

Mr I Sharpe - personal interest as Borough Councillor in all acts and proceedings of Charnwood Borough Council

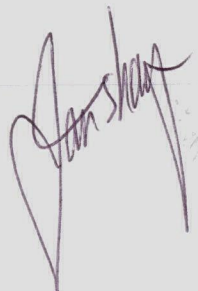
Mr R Shields - personal interest in matters concerning Prestwold Estate by reason of acquaintance with Mr E Packe-Drury-Lowe

**3 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

It was proposed Mr Shields, seconded Mrs Edmonds and carried that the Minutes of the meeting on 13th April be accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman, after insertion of 'yet between 'paid' and 'in view' on the second line of Item 8 on page 2645.

**4 MATTERS ARISING**

There were none.





## 5 TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS

**Melton Road Scheme.** Work has been carried out around the Wymeswold Lane junction but has now ceased. There is no indication as to when the main body of work including the refuge will be undertaken.

**Resurfacing, Burton.** Mr Topham has ascertained that the work referred to last time will consist of patching and resurfacing.

**Closure of Meadow Lane, Loughborough.** Target completion date would appear, from press items, to have gone out from 2nd May to 1st June. Mrs Spicer confirmed that the closure has not caused too many problems in Stanford Lane.

**Community Transport.** New posters prepared by the County Council advertising the Saturday link to Loughborough have been displayed but there is again no evidence of any public interest in this service.

**M1 Widening.** A Highways Agency leaflet describing what is planned has been circulated.

**Prestwold Village Sign.** Mrs Prior had commented on the lack of any sign approaching Prestwold from Burton direction. This has been drawn to the attention of the Highway Authority.

**Melton Road Bus Shelter.** Mrs Saunders advised that the timetable has been vandalised and she has reported this to the operator.

## 6 PLANNING

**Local Development Framework.** Additional copies of this consultation paper, which is the new name for the next Local Plan looking forward to 2016, will be obtained and distributed to all members for discussion next month. Two explanatory meetings have been notified which Mr Shields hopes to attend.

**P/03/1604 - Retention of Runways at Wymeswold Airfield for Training and Vehicle Demonstration.** A further amendment has been received reducing the extent of bunding but without any supporting documentation or expert opinion as to the merits of the revised layout. After lengthy discussion it was agreed to oppose the application outright, citing officers' belief expressed by e-mail to Cllr Sharpe that there would be little significant benefit from the bunds, as well as sending copy of a brochure recently produced by Everyman referring unequivocally to the 'racetrack' at Prestwold Hall and graphically describing its nature. These points are additional to other concerns previously raised, which will be reiterated. Immediate enforcement action will be requested should the application be refused. The right to speak at Plans Committee will be requested.



**P/03/0610 - extension to Agricultural Road, Wymeswold Airfield.**

Helen Robinson, Senior Enforcement Officer, advises that in her opinion the work being undertaken does not require full planning permission. In view of the escalating level of activity, Mrs Robinson is to be invited to revisit this interpretation and to respond by Friday this week, failing which the matter will be reported to a higher level of management.

**P/04/0684 - Change of Use to permit use of land yachts, Wymeswold Airfield.**

Since the last meeting, a copy letter from the Chairman of the Midland Land Sailing Club describing their plans had been received and the then Chairman had authorised a reply indicating that operations outside the presently permitted hours under P/01/0853 would not be acceptable. Nevertheless permission has now been granted without any hours restriction.

**P/03/1289 - Erection of detached house and Garage to front of 15 Barrow Road, Burton.** Permission has been granted, notwithstanding this Council's and neighbours' objections. Mr Shields felt that the Officers' report to Plans Committee did not correctly reflect this Council's concerns. Mr Sharpe had already raised this issue with Mr Blitz, who thought the summary was perhaps short, but was fair. It was agreed to write to Mr Blitz formally objecting to this distortion of the Parish Council's objection.

It was agreed that in future all such summaries of the Council's views to Plans Committees should be closely scrutinised.


**P/03/3282 - outline application for Residential Development at Melton Road/Brook Street, Burton.** There has been further progress in renegotiating the Section 106 Agreement with some reallocation of funds between social housing and educational needs, to the benefit of Burton Primary School, as well as some new money overall. It is expected that this will be finalised very shortly but it is not clear whether the agreement may have to be resubmitted to Committee for decision.

**P/04/1219 - first floor extension with balcony to side of 9 Sowters Lane, Burton (Mr & Mrs M Waller).** This had required views by 7th May and no objection had been raised.

**P/04/1260 - single storey extensions to front, side and rear of 36 Springfield Close, Burton (Mrs J Brown and Mr D Donkin)**

and

**P/04/1276 - conservatory to rear of 29 Springfield Close, Burton (Mr & Mrs C McDermott) - No objections were raised to either.**





## 7 ENVIRONMENT

**NEMA.** All Parish Councils had been invited to a meeting at Southfields tonight to which Airport representatives have been invited. Since attendance was not possible, the Council had submitted a written question querying the need for the 'Daventry 2' departure route and quoting Government policy against multiple departure routes. Councillor Kershaw, who had attended, advised that this question was put and an unsatisfactory answer given. There is to be noise monitoring equipment in Hoton and Wymeswold. Only five departures and 18 landings are due to use 'Daventry 2'. There will be a further meeting soon to which DHL, the major night operator, will be invited.

A letter has been received from CPRE drawing attention to the problems which will arise from revised inward routeings, also a letter from WINGS expressing concern about a proposed runway extension planning application before NW Leics District Council.

**Street Cleansing.** The Chairman reported back on the meeting on 28th April to which Mr Rook and Mr Clunn had been invited, along with representatives from neighbouring parishes. This had helped clear the air as to what is supposed to happen and what is perceived to be the reality on the ground. The Chairman had prepared a six point action plan which would be monitored for results.

**Foul Drainage Problem in Cotes.** Further copy correspondence indicates that efforts are continuing to regularise this situation, with Andrew Granger & Co being given 28 days to formulate proposals.

**Planters.** The County Council confess to having lost our proposals in their move from Melton Mowbray to Mountsorrel. A copy has been sent, but it seems that the request will have to go through a formal licensing procedure.

**Dog Gloves.** Mrs Saunders advises that supplies are running low and it was proposed Mr Topham, seconded Mrs Spicer and carried that a further case of 800 be ordered.

**B676 Footway, Cotes Bridge to Burton.** Concern was expressed that this footway is becoming very overgrown. Work is being carried out at present clearing the gutters and it was decided to see whether this team will tackle the footways.

**Maintenance Problems** The open space off St Philips Road, Burton is overgrown and is seemingly not being maintained by the Borough at the same time as other areas. The banks of the brook are once again overgrown.

**Horse Chestnut Tree adjacent to Village Hall.** This tree is part dead and a safety threat. The owner will be asked to take steps to make it safe.



**Fishpond Plantation, Burton.** This four acre piece of woodland adjacent to Burton Primary School and the Playing Field has been advertised for sale by private treaty, offers in excess of £10,000. Mr Topham described previous attempts to purchase this land for community use and Mr Paul Sutton was invited to address members about local interest in acquiring it now. This is very strong and 250 signatures have been gathered supporting acquisition. There is strong support for just such a piece of community woodland in the emerging Parish Plan and a group led by the Heritage Wardens has been envisaging something of the sort for some time. Already there have been a number of offers of interest free loans and donations and these individuals would be happy for the funds to be placed with the Council, subject to return if the bid is not successful. Committed donations to date total £4500. It has been established that a County Shire Grant of up to 50% could be available. Application must be made before any deal is finalised.

In debate the following points were made. It is important that village individuals or groups do not compete to drive the price up. A trust will need to be set up for management. It is appropriate that the Council should be involved in purchasing the land and setting up a trust for community involvement in perpetuity. There is concern about time scale. Any form of grant is likely to take around three months to be confirmed whereas the agents for the vendors, Mather Jamie, will no doubt want to finalise the sale sooner than that.

***In view of the commercially sensitive nature of the business to be discussed, the Council resolved to go into closed session with non-Members excluded, and did so from 9.42 to 10.15 p.m.***

*Minutes of this closed session are recorded on page 2656*

On resumption, the Chairman advised the intention of the Council to proceed with purchase of the Fishpond Plantation for the benefit of the community. He asked that Mr Sutton should arrange for donations and loans to be forwarded to the Council as soon as possible

## **8 PARISH PLAN**

A letter from the Countryside Agency advises that the Vital Villages schemes will now be closed to new applicants. Existing commitments will be met. This would seem to mean that any Joint Councils Community Transport initiative would be unlikely to gain financial support.

Mr Edmonds has suggested several dates for a meeting between Members and the Steering Group to look at the draft Parish Plan and action plans. It was agreed to meet on Thursday 27th May at 8 Melton Road, 7.30 p.m. The draft will be made available a week earlier.



## Minutes of Closed Session (Item 7 - Fishpond Plantation 11.5.04)

Mr Shields advised that he had information that a number of bids had already been made, including one of £11,000. A quick response is needed and it seems that, once all bids have been received, Mather Jamie will invite best and final offers.

It was agreed to make a bid on behalf of the community, allocating £5000 of the Council's reserves. The Clerk will check the availability of funds. It was agreed that this would not be conditional on availability of other funds. The purchase is not to be completed until the price is covered from the various possible sources, including public donations and grants, as well as the Council's own funds. Legal costs must also be taken into account.


It was proposed Mr Sharpe, seconded Mr Topham and carried that £2500 be allocated for legal fees, being £700 for acquisition this year and the balance to set up the trust next year.

It was proposed Mr Sharpe, seconded Mr Elliott and carried that the Council takes reserve powers to borrow £7,700 if necessary to complete the purchase.

It was proposed Mr Topham, seconded Mrs Saunders and carried that a bid of £11,300 be made for the whole of the Fishpond Plantation.

Immediate steps will be taken to assess the availability of a Shire Grant, to check the unallocated Council funds available and to establish the procedure for borrowing from the Public Works Loan Board.

***This meeting will reconvene in camera at 8 Melton Road, Burton on Friday 14th May at 7.00 p.m to progress this purchase further in the light of the information to be obtained.***



## **9 VILLAGE HALL**

The Clerk expressed concern that the Youth Club representative to the meeting on 27th April, Ms Jane Champion, had made disparaging comments to the Committee about the Parish Council's unwillingness to give financial support to the Club. This was completely without foundation and he had advised the Committee accordingly. Subsequently the Chairman of the Club, Mr Colin McDermott, had disowned Ms Champion's comments entirely and apologised for them, as being unauthorised, incorrect and not in any way representing the views of the Youth Club. The Clerk's concern is that this sort of mud can stick and that the Management Committee need to be told about Mr McDermott's rebuttal and apology.

Mrs Edmonds advised that contractors looking at the clock and weathervane had established that the damage was in both cases malicious.

## **10 BURIAL GROUND/ALLOTMENTS**

Mr Paul Sutton has agreed to look at the question of replacing the hedge at the right side of the Burial Ground entrance and will advise in due course.

## **11 PLAYING FIELD**

Roma Landscapes advised that they were not permitted to cut the Towles Field hedge between April and June because of bird nesting. Mrs Saunders advised that there are problems with Roma using weed killer and not mowing close enough to borders. They will be asked to meet representatives to resolve these problems.

Mrs Saunders advised that a grant application has been lodged for the disabled access but would still like the Council to underwrite £500. The £25.00 authorised in March for first aid cover at the summer fete will not now be required but it was agreed to fund £20 for attendance at a safety seminar. The Cricket Club is unable to obtain grant funding for the pavilion extension since they are not the owners; this must be done through the PFA.

## **12 FOOTPATHS/BRIDLEWAYS**

The Clerk is meeting the County Access Officer next week to discuss grant availability for maintenance in the current year. It was noted that the Brook Street/Wymeswold Lane footpath is overgrown.

## **13 FINANCE**

The year end reconciliation shows total funds in hand £12,465.40

Audit papers have been received and the year end report will be completed and presented to the next meeting for approval.





## 14 CHEQUES

It was proposed Mr Sharpe, seconded Mr Shields and carried that the following cheques be authorised and signed:

K W Davies	salary/expenses	342.98
Staples	photocopying	14.10)
-"	ink cartridges	124.64)
-"	A4 paper	17.92)
-"	HP cartridges	47.96)
B of Charnwood	footway lighting	23.49

## 15 MISCELLANEOUS

A **Police Community Consultation meeting** at Quorn on 20th May was noted. There is to be a **Wolds Joint Councils meeting** at Hoton on 17th May. In view of the change of Chairman, the new routeing for **Round Robin envelopes** will be Mr Sharpe/Mrs Saunders/Mr Elliott/Mr Topham/Mr Shields/Clerk/Mrs Spicer/Mrs Prior/Clerk.

Mr Topham advised that he had attended the Memorial Service for the late Mrs Gill Murray, former Acting Head at Burton Primary School, on behalf of the Council.

## 16 PRESS RELEASE

It was confirmed that the last Press Release had appeared in the 'Christian Link' as sent. There are problems with non-appearance of Council material on the village website. Mr Dijkstra has indicated that he is revamping the site and hopes to be complete by June.

This month's Release will cover the AGM, tribute to Gill Murray, Melton Road traffic scheme, airfield matters, street cleansing, Fishpond Plantation and the Borough Council NEMA meeting.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 10.40 p.m.

**MINUTES of the Annual Meeting of the Burton on the Wolds,  
Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall,  
Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 11th May 2004 at 7.30 p.m.**

Present:

Mr K Topham (Chairman)  
Mrs D Edmonds  
Mr J Elliott  
Mrs M Prior  
Mrs R Saunders  
Mr I Sharpe  
Mr R Shields  
Mrs L Spicer

K W Davies (Clerk)

In attendance: six Local Government Electors

***Before commencement of business, the Chairman led Members and all present in one minute's silence in memory of Gill Murray, acting Head Teacher at Burton Primary School, who passed away recently.***

**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were none.

**2 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS**

Mrs R Saunders - personal interest in all matters concerning Prestwold Estate as Secretary of PERS.

Mr I Sharpe - personal interest as Borough Councillor in all acts and proceedings of Charnwood Borough Council.

**3 MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL MEETING**

It was proposed Mrs Saunders, seconded Mr Sharpe and carried that the Minutes of the 13th May 2003 Annual Meeting be accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**4 MATTERS ARISING**

There were none.



## **5 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

It was proposed Mr Topham, seconded Mrs Saunders and carried that Mr Sharpe be Chairman. Mr Sharpe thanked Members and offered a Vote of Thanks to Mr Topham for his endeavours over the last three years.

## **6 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

It was proposed Mr Sharpe, seconded Mrs Saunders and carried that Mr Shields be Vice Chairman.

## **7 ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OTHER BODIES**

The following Members were elected to the bodies shown:

Burton on the Wolds Playing Field Association	Mrs Saunders - by acclamation
Burton on the Wolds Village Hall Management Comm.	Mr Elliott - proposed Mrs Edmonds, seconded Mr Shields
Association of Airport related Parish Councils	Mr Topham - proposed Mr Sharpe, seconded Mrs Edmonds
Wolds Joint Councils	Mr Topham - proposed Mr Shields, seconded Mr Elliott
British Gypsum Liaison Committee	No appointment made as this Committee is presently dormant
Wymeswold Airfield Liaison Group*	Mrs Edmonds - proposed Mr Elliott, seconded Mrs Saunders

\* It was noted that attendance at Airfield Liaison meetings is normally supplemented by other available Members.

## **8 APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR**

Mr Trevor Todd is willing to stand again and it was proposed Mr Sharpe, seconded Mr Shields and carried that he be re-appointed.

## **9 INVENTORY OF PARISH PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT**

The Council's Insurers have not yet finalised their proposals and it was agreed to defer this item until the June Council Meeting.

## **10 REVIEW OF RISK MANAGEMENT**

It was proposed Mr Topham, seconded Mr Shields and carried that no action is necessary beyond review of Property and Equipment as above.

## **11 REVIEW OF FINANCIAL CONTROLS**

It was proposed Mr Shields, seconded Mrs Saunders and carried that no changes are required to the existing controls.

## **12 MEMBERSHIP OF LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND ASSOCIATION OF PARISH AND LOCAL COUNCILS**

Copies of recent reports, financial statements etc had been circulated to enable Members to decide whether continued membership would be justified. The Clerk explained the role of the APLC in training, Quality Councils etc. It was noted that progress in obtaining loans from the Public Works Loan Board may be dependent on support from the APLC and, bearing in mind that such a loan is to be discussed in the following monthly Council Meeting, it was agreed to defer a decision until then.

## **13 MISCELLANEOUS**

Mr Topham advised that he had made himself known to the new Head Teacher at Burton Primary School, Mr Derek Mullan, and suggested that he maintain good relations with the Council in view of assistance that can sometimes be made available, despite the Council no longer having representation on the Governing body. Mr Mullan would be prepared to come to a Council meeting and the Clerk was instructed to contact him.

There being no other business, the Meeting closed at 7.50 p.m.



**MINUTES of the Annual Parish Meeting for the Parish of Burton on the Wolds held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 11th May 2004 at 7.20 p.m.**

Present:

Mr K Topham (Chairman)  
Mrs D Edmonds  
Mr J Elliott  
Mrs M Prior  
Mrs R Saunders  
Mr I Sharpe  
Mr R Shields  
Mrs L Spicer

Mr K W Davies (Parish Clerk)

Six Local Government Electors

**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were none.

**2 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the previous Parish Meeting, dated 13th May 2003, were confirmed as a true and correct record, being proposed Mr Sharpe and seconded Mrs Saunders. They were then signed by the Chairman.

**3 MATTERS ARISING**

There were none.

**4 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman read his annual Report, copy of which is attached to these Minutes.

**5 OTHER BUSINESS**

There was none.

The Meeting was closed at 7.30 p.m.



**PARISH OF BURTON ON THE WOLDS**  
**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT, 2003/2004**

This will be my last Annual Report to you as I am standing down and returning to the 'back benches' of the Council after three years in the Chair. In another busy year, I believe that we have again been successful in protecting and advancing the interests of residents in a number of ways.

**Traffic and Highways.** It is the County Council, as Highway Authority, who have the final say on all traffic and highway issues. I have been at pains to develop relationships with senior officials at County Hall, from the Director of Highways on down. Indeed the Director, Bruce Jamieson, came to Burton last summer to see the situation for himself and this policy is producing results, though not as quickly as we would all like.

The ideal solution is to see Heavy Goods Vehicles banned from the village with effective speed restrictions on remaining light traffic and that remains our goal. This year the Highway Authority are carrying out a Strategic Study of the highway network in this part of the County, arising from projected developments at Nottingham East Midlands Airport, and they have promised us that the situation on the B676 in Burton will form part of that study.

The scheme to slow traffic entering Burton from the east along Melton Road has suffered a number of frustrating delays but has now commenced with works carried out at the junction with Wymeswold Lane and we hope to see it completed in the near future.

**Planning Matters.** We do not intervene in individual planning applications unless there are issues of principle involving the village environment generally. There have been several such issues over the last year.

The small development alongside Hall Drive was finally approved after much squabbling and I am pleased that, working with Hall Drive residents, we were able to achieve a better outcome than first seemed likely, with a Section 106 agreement to protect neighbours' interests.

The long heralded development at Brook Street/Melton Road (the Pig Farm) finally received outline planning permission though detailed proposals are still awaited. We have fought a strong campaign for the eventual developers to make a substantial contribution to village needs, particularly as regards schooling, traffic calming etc. via a Section 106 agreement. At first it seemed that the County and Borough Councils were prepared to do little on our behalf but we decided to dig our heels in. I therefore made a personal appeal to the Director of Highways on the subject of extra funding for traffic calming and, with support from Charnwood Plans Committee No. 2 in respect of schooling, I am confident that an acceptable solution will soon be obtained.



Less satisfactory was the recent decision by the Borough to permit a new house at 15 Barrow Road, very close to the front boundary. Efforts here to save a lovely tree had the perverse result of saving the tree at the cost of repositioning the new house in a far less satisfactory position than was originally envisaged. In this case, our views and those of neighbours were overruled.

**Prestwold Estate/Wymeswold Airfield.** It is a great pity that we find ourselves constantly engaged in disputes with our landowner neighbour but there are major issues at stake. We want the Estate to prosper but not at the expense of the wellbeing of those many residents who are affected by unacceptable noise levels from the various activities which are constantly being expanded on the Estate. We have asked the agents for the Estate for regular liaison meetings to try to resolve issues without confrontation. Only one was held over the last year and it seems that they are determined to pursue their plans regardless.

The 'track days' held a year ago prompted unprecedented levels of protest from residents and ourselves and were voluntarily withdrawn as a result. There was no outright ban, as we believe there should have been, so they could come back. The 'Sounds of the Seventies' concert on a Sunday evening also drew protests, no effort seeming to have been made to protect Burton residents from the volume of noise directed straight towards them. Residents affected by noise have been encouraged to complete regular Diary Sheets supplied by Charnwood Environmental Health with a view to action under the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

A proposed system of bunding to provide noise amelioration has created more problems than it purports to solve. As I write this, a third bund proposal has been put forward by the Estate (the first two being deemed unacceptable) and this too needs critical examination lest the community have foisted upon it unwelcome developments which may never be reversed.

Once again I would like to thank all those residents who have written protest letters to Charnwood Borough and Leicestershire County Councils and, in some instances, to our MP, Andy Reed. I know that some of the replies are at best vague and non-committal; but the effort involved is appreciated and certainly worthwhile.

**Other Environmental Issues.** We are currently in dialogue with Charnwood about street cleansing, which we feel has slipped to unacceptable levels - this includes footways and footpaths. We installed a Dog Glove Dispenser on Melton Road and this has been successful in reducing the level of dog fouling in the village. We obtained substantial funding for the new bus shelter on Loughborough Road (for those who wonder why it was set back so far from the footway, this was a requirement of the Highway Authority). Within the last week or so, we have learned that the woodland known as the Fishpond Plantation, behind the school and playing field, is for sale and we are working with local volunteers to see how this can be purchased as a community facility.



**Nottingham East Midlands Airport.** Our last campaign which resulted in a small change in the departure route for southbound aircraft certainly led to less overhead noise, particularly at night. Now there is a fresh threat from the Airport, a second departure route for some aircraft which would bring them directly overhead Prestwold and Burton. We are campaigning strongly against this, directly and through both Charnwood Borough Council and the Association of Airport Related Parish Councils.

**Parish Plan and Village Design Statement.** We had hoped that this would have been completed by now but such was the overwhelming level of response to the questionnaires and the time required to input and analyse the data that only now is the project nearing completion. By midsummer the Report and Action Plan will be finalised, with the community being kept closely involved throughout. The village will owe a debt of gratitude to Tony Edmonds and his band of volunteers for all their hard work.

**Sundry.** As every year, we give strong financial and other support to the Playing Field Association and the Village Hall Management Committee, totalling over £1800 in the last year and with a much bigger commitment to Village Hall redecoration now about to take place. Amongst other things, we maintain the Burial Ground, liaise closely with County and Borough on matters such as those indicated above and participate on a liaison committee with our neighbouring parishes to act more effectively as a unit on matters of shared concern.

**Acknowledgments.** Finally, I would like to thank my colleagues for their support, also County Councillor Tony Kershaw and Ian Sharpe in his role as Borough Councillor.

I cannot end this report without paying tribute to our Clerk, Ken Davies, for all his efforts for the Parish Council and not least for his support for and advice to me. The Clerk's duties have grown out of all recognition in recent years and his commitment to the village is enormous.

It has been a privilege to lead the Council for the last three years and I wish my successor well for the future.

Keith Topham  
Chairman



**MINUTES of a meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 13th April 2004, commencing at 7.30 p.m.**

**Present:**

Mr K Topham (Chairman)  
Mrs D Edmonds  
Mr J Elliott  
Mrs R Saunders  
Mr I Sharpe  
Mr R Shields  
Mrs L Spicer (items 1 - 7)

K W Davies (Clerk)

**In attendance:** Two Local Government Electors

**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Mrs M Prior (working)

**2 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Mrs R Saunders - personal interest in matters concerning Prestwold Estate as Secretary of PERS.

Mr R Shields - personal interest in matters concerning Prestwold Estate by reason of acquaintance with Mr E Packe-Drury-Lowe.

**3 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS**

It was proposed Mr Shields, seconded Mr Elliott and carried that the Minutes of the Meetings on 9th and 27th March be accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**4 MATTERS ARISING**

There were none.

**5 TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS**

**Meeting with LCC Officers.** The Chairman reported that he had met with Mr Lawrence and Mr Clarke from County Highways, together with representatives of BURSAG, on 5th April in Burton. A summary of surveys carried out in August/September last, comparing journey times from Loughborough to the junction of the A6006/A606 in Melton Mowbray using three different routes (A6/A46; B676 via Burton; A6006 via





Rempstone/Wymeswold) was produced. This showed somewhat longer journey times via the A6/A46 routeing which avoids the Wolds villages. A subsequent letter dated 7th April confirms that a strategic study of the implications of possible expansion of Nottingham/East Midlands Airport is to be carried out this year and the impact of freight movement within Burton on the Wolds will be part of the remit. The aim is to identify whether improvement schemes need to be included in the 2006/2011 Local Transport Plan. For the present, the view remains that a B676 weight restriction cannot be considered in isolation, not least because of the likely diversion of traffic via Wymeswold. BURSAG have responded indicating that a temporary closure of the B676 through Burton would be useful to see where the diverted traffic goes and the Council's reply will include this point.

**Melton Road Scheme.** It is now expected that work will start on the pathway next to the allotments on 19th April, followed by the new signage. No date is yet available for construction of the refuge. The Chairman will ask Cllr Kershaw to press for a firm date.

**Resurfacing, Burton.** Mr Elliott had heard that resurfacing works are scheduled for Burton and the Chairman will make enquiries.

**LCC Weekly Roadworks Bulletin.** This is now being received in 'Excel' format though the set up cost proved to be rather greater than expected, at £17.53.

**Closure of Meadow Lane, Loughborough.** There have been press reports of HGV movements despite closure of Stanford Lane to all through traffic, although this Council has received no complaints. Mrs Spicer confirmed this.

**Request for Bus Service to Barrow upon Soar.** No response has yet been received to the letter authorised at the last Meeting.

**LCC Highways Northern Area.** From 8th April the administrative Centre has been removed from Melton Mowbray to Mountsorrel though Public Rights of Way remain at Melton.

**Community Transport.** Wymeswold P/C have passed on a letter from Caroline Mackay at County Hall confirming that take-up of the Saturday Loughborough link has been very slow so far. A further publicity campaign is planned.

## 6 PLANNING

**P/03/1604 - Retention of runways at Wymeswold Airfield for Training and Vehicle Demonstration.** Latest advice is that Mr Blitz has decided that the officers cannot recommend this application to the Plans Committee meeting on 22nd April since it is, amongst other things, an



unwarranted intrusion into the countryside. He has advised Andrew Granger & Co accordingly and they have asked whether a more limited amount of bunding, say the fence topped bund facing Burton and some bunding along Wymeswold Road would be acceptable. The officers have said they would consider this and the present application will not now go before Committee. There will be another consultation when amended proposals are received.

Environmental Health Services had monitored background noise recently and are reported to have found that the levels were surprisingly low.

The Council welcomed the latest developments but, noting that the unauthorised promotional activities are still taking place, will request that enforcement action be now taken.

**P/02/0050 - retention of four portable buildings, Wymeswold Airfield.** Complaints have been received that felling of trees as part of the agricultural road extension has led to these unsightly buildings no longer being screened from parts of Burton. There is no requirement for screening of these particular units in the Permission (although there is for others), no doubt because an effective natural screen then existed. The permission is due for renewal in 2007.

**P/03/0610 - extension to Agricultural Road, Wymeswold Airfield.** Further complaints have been received that this road is being built to a standard far beyond what would be expected for an agricultural road and that several tipper loads of earth are being delivered to it each day. Helen Robinson, Senior Enforcement Officer has been advised and a reply is awaited.

**P/03/1289 - erection of Detached House and Garage to front of 15 Barrow Road, Burton.** The Council's objection has already been lodged and several letters have since been received from concerned neighbours including Mr John Brickwood.

**P/03/2075 - Retention of Cattle Barn, Manor Farm, Burton.** Mr Sharpe has advised that, as Borough Councillor, he is not happy with the landscaping arrangements around this new barn which seem quite inadequate. A meeting has been held on site involving various officers and Mr Sharpe is pursuing the matter further with the Enforcement officers.

**P/03/3282 - outline application for Residential Development at Melton Road/Brook Street, Burton.** Mr Sharpe has learned from Nick Hodgett that Section 106 negotiations are taking place which involve a substantial sum for the Primary School as well as speed reactive signs/traffic calming for Burton, at the expense of low cost housing. Members felt that, against a background of rising land/property prices, the Borough Council should not be too soft and need not trade off social housing for the other benefits; all were needed and ought to be affordable from such a



development. The Borough should be reminded of the Plans Committee's recommendation that the Parish Council be involved.

## 7 ENVIRONMENT

**NEMA.** The Borough Council is setting up another meeting to consider current issues, to which representatives of Parish Councils and the Airport Authority will be invited. It seems, though, that this may well clash with our next monthly meeting and AGM on 11th May.

**Street Cleansing.** A meeting with Peter Rook, Head of Technical Services, has been set up for Wednesday 28th April, to involve the three neighbouring Councils as well as ourselves. It is hoped to obtain a meeting room in Wymeswold since Burton Village Hall is not available. It was agreed that the Chairman, Mr Sharpe and the Clerk would attend.

**Foul Drainage Problem in Cotes.** A further copy letter has been received from Mr Birch of Environmental Health to Andrew Granger & Co., indicating that efforts to resolve this problem are continuing.

**'Hang Out' Shelter.** The Chairman has been advised that a Shelter in Burton village centre would not be acceptable to the Highway Authority. It was reiterated that no decision should be taken until the relevant section of the Parish Plan had been released.

**Planters.** Proposed locations have been put before the Highway Authority and their response is awaited.

**Highway Matters.** Part of the safety barrier at the head of the footway from Mundy Close to Loughborough Road has collapsed and the Highway Authority have been asked to repair/replace it. It was felt that the recent grass cutting at the eastern end of Burton had been of poor standard and this will be reported to the County. Likewise, a missing inspection cover in the roadway close to Fountain House and a dislodged kerb in Seymour Road will be reported.

## 8 PARISH PLAN

The Rural Community Council have agreed that the second instalment of their fee need not be paid in view of delays in completion of the Plan.

The Chairman has received a letter from Mr Tony Edmonds advising progress and inviting Members to join sub-groups analysing and writing up component sections. Apart from Mrs Edmonds, who is already involved, no Member felt able to do this and Mr Edmonds will be so advised.



## **9 VILLAGE HALL**

The Clerk advised that plans for refurbishment are proceeding. Repairs to the clock and weathervane (which shifted in recent high winds) are in hand. Support is requested for the forthcoming entertainment, the vocal duo Tom McConville and Frank Kilkelly, on Sunday next.

The Quarterly Gas Statement shows a balance outstanding of £331.65 (though this would be £300.44 had not VAT been incorrectly assessed at 17.5% instead of 5%). This confirms suspicions that the monthly direct debit was set far too low by Powergen but no action will be taken until they raise the matter. The Clerk will check the current meter reading. It is probable that the electricity supply has also been substantially undercharged.

## **10 BURIAL GROUND/ALLOTMENTS**

There was nothing to report.

## **11 PLAYING FIELD**

Mrs Saunders advised that the County Council have quoted £903.00 for construction of disabled access, as now required. She asked whether the Council would contribute £500.00, the balance being met from PFA funds. After discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk would liaise with Mrs Saunders to see what grants might be available, before the Council commits itself.

Arrangements are being made with Roma Landscapes to cut the hedge alongside Towles Field, which will become completely overgrown if left as usual until late season.

## **12 FOOTPATHS/BRIDLEWAYS**

There was nothing to report.

## **13 FINANCE**

No year end balance is available as Bank Statements have not yet been received.

Concern was expressed that the annual subscription to the LRAPLC had again risen, by 4.3%, to £211.16. The Clerk will circulate details of the Association's functions and their annual report for consideration next month.

## **14 CHEQUES**

It was proposed Mr Sharpe, seconded Mrs Saunders and carried that the following cheques be authorised and signed:





K W Davies	salary/expenses	342.98
Staples	various	54.12
L&R PFA	subscription	15.00
RCC	-"	25.00
L/Council Review	-"	12.50

## 15 MISCELLANEOUS

**LCC Electoral Review.** The draft recommendations by the Boundary Committee for England prescribe that those parishes, including ours, comprising the Wolds Ward become part of a new County Division to be styled Sileby and the Wolds. It was agreed to oppose the severing of the current link with Barrow upon Soar on the grounds that our villages have many strong links with Barrow, not least educational, but none with Sileby. There would be a loss of community sense and a Councillor representing Sileby would be likely to have little knowledge of or interest in Wolds affairs.

**Doctors' Surgeries.** A letter from Wymeswold Parish Council advises arrangements they have made with the Primary Care Trust in Loughborough, following closure of the Wymeswold surgeries. These arrangements will also cover our communities and will be publicised in the 'Link'.

**Community Support Officers.** Letters from the North Area Commander of the Leicestershire Constabulary had been circulated, giving details of this Home Office initiative offering matched funding over two years for such appointments. The timescale for evaluation was very short indeed, closing on 25th March, for which the Commander apologised.

Correspondence from Charnwood regarding **Appointment of Monitoring Officer** and **The Mayor's End of Civic Year Reception** were noted, as was the County Council **Waste Management Service Best Value Review**, which had been circulated.

**Chairman's Thanks.** Since he will be standing down as Chairman next month and this is his last full meeting, Mr Topham expressed his gratitude to all Members and to the Clerk for their support during his period of office.

## 16 PRESS RELEASE

This will include airfield matters, street cleansing, the Mundy Close safety barrier, doctors' surgeries and details of next month's annual meetings. The Clerk advised of a conversation he had had with Mr Geoff Parkinson, joint editor of the 'Link', who felt that he should reserve the right to edit the Council Press Release as he thought fit. After discussion it was proposed Mr Shields, seconded Mr Elliott and carried that the joint editor be advised that the Council expects its Press Release to be printed as presented.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.28 p.m.



**MINUTES of a Meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Saturday 27th March 2004, commencing at 10.30 a.m.**

**Present:**

Mr I Sharpe (Vice Chairman) in the chair  
Mrs D Edmonds  
Mr J Elliott  
Mrs M Prior  
Mrs R Saunders  
Mr R Shields

K W Davies (Clerk)

**In attendance:** Three Local Government Electors

*Prior to the meeting, the Village Hall had been opened to the public for a display of the latest documents relating to P/03/1604. Approx. 40 Burton residents and others attended.*

**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Mr K Topham (holiday)  
Mrs L Spicer (business)

**2 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Mrs R Saunders - personal interest in matters concerning Prestwold Estate as Secretary of PERS.

Mr R Shields - personal interest in matters concerning Prestwold Estate due to personal dealings with the Estate.

**3 PLANNING**

**P/03/1604 - retention of use of runways at Wymeswold Airfield for training and vehicle demonstration.** This application is now out for reconsultation with an extended deadline no later than 2nd April, hence this special meeting has been called. The Clerk gave a summary of the situation to date and the acting Chairman gave each Member in turn the opportunity to comment before summing up.

Although the Council had not opposed the original application outright, it was unanimously agreed that the revision, with the addition of eight bunds, transformed the nature of the application and made it unacceptable. It was proposed Mr Shields, seconded Mr Elliott and carried that the Borough be advised that the Parish Council is opposed to this application

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The grounds for opposition are:

- that construction of bunds on such a scale goes far beyond anything required to contain noise from the activities which are the subject of this application.
- construction of bunds raises so many issues that it should be examined in great depth on its own merits, not as an add-on to an application such as this. Amongst these reasons are disturbance and disruption during construction, serious doubts about the suggested benefits and environmental aspects.
- the Borough Plans Committee's own refusal to support an earlier bund application, P/03/0107, and the detailed reasons given then.
- our original response requesting control of noise from the proposed activities at source over a trial period represents a far better way of dealing with this application. It is now felt that this trial period should be limited to one year.

*Mrs Edmonds left the meeting at this point.*

**P/04/0684 - Change of use of land for use by wind powered vehicles (land yachts), Wymeswold Airfield (Midlands Land Yacht Club).** The Council had been pre-advised of this application, which is intended to allow such use on Sundays, and had discussed it in principle earlier in the year. It was agreed not to oppose it other than to ask for the same hours of operation as the recreational activities consent, P/01/0853 and to point out that the references in the application to "existing use for corporate car days" are incorrect, since no such use is authorised.

**P/03/1289 - erection of detached house and garage to front of 15 Barrow Road, Burton.** This is an amendment to a previous application which remains undetermined. It was felt that, although the design of the proposed house reflects neighbouring properties, the location, now very close to the Barrow Road boundary, is unsuitable. Apart from the much older village centre properties, developments on this side of Barrow Road have been set back from the road edge. This proposal would have a detrimental effect on the village scene on which great emphasis is being laid in the emerging Village Design Statement. The Tree Warden, Mr Paul Sutton has made a written report, emphasising the need to protect the Copper Beech tree for which a Tree Protection Order is being sought.

It was proposed Mr Shields, seconded Mr Elliott and carried that formal objection be made to the application for the reasons stated.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 11.30 a.m.

*K. G. Topham*



**MINUTES of a meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 9th March 2004, commencing at 7.30 p.m.**

**Present:**

Mr K Topham (Chairman)  
Mrs D Edmonds  
Mr J Elliott  
Mrs M Prior  
Mrs R Saunders  
Mr I Sharpe  
Mr R Shields  
Mrs L Spicer

K W Davies (Clerk)

**In attendance:** Mr A Kershaw (County Councillor) [Items 1 - 5]  
Two Local Government Electors

**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were none, all Members being present.

**2 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Mrs R Saunders - personal interest in matters concerning Prestwold Estate as Secretary of PERS.

Mr R Shields - personal interest in matters concerning Prestwold Estate by reason of acquaintance with Mr E Packe-Drury-Lowe.

**3 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

It was proposed Mr Sharpe, seconded Mrs Saunders and carried that the Minutes of the 10th February meeting be accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**4 MATTERS ARISING**

There were none.

**5 TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS**

**Melton Road scheme.** Once again this project has been delayed, seemingly due to communications problems within County Hall. It seems that the road will have to be closed for installation of the refuge and due notice given. It is now intended that signing and lining will be undertaken

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early in April with the balance of work later that month. Cllr. Kershaw undertook to get this confirmed in writing.

**LCC Weekly Roadworks Bulletin.** This weekly e-mail is supplemented by a Charnwood section in 'Excel' format. It will cost \$19.95 (approx. £11) to upgrade the Clerk's computer and it was proposed Mr Elliott, seconded Mr Shields and carried that this expenditure be authorised.

**Proposed 40 mph speed limit on Prestwold Lane.** A letter from Mr Jason Peel of County Highways advises that this proposal has been included in the draft 2004/5 Traffic Regulation Orders programme. If approved, we will be contacted in summer/autumn this year.

**Closure of Meadow Lane, Loughborough.** This scheme commenced on 1st March for approx. nine weeks and involves the closure of Stanford Lane, Cotes to through traffic. Mrs Spicer confirmed that so far there have been no adverse reports regarding Stanford Lane.

**Bus Shelter, Loughborough Road, Burton.** All work is now complete and grants from both County and Borough Councils for the shelter itself have been claimed and received, leaving a nett cost to the Council of £390, as budgeted. ATB installed the pathways at a cost of £216.00 and grants will now be claimed on the same basis.

**BURSAG correspondence with LCC (Bruce Jamieson).** Mr Jamieson sent copies of correspondence with BURSAG in which he promises a further meeting involving all interested parties to discuss survey information. The Chairman understands that Mr Chris Clarke is now setting up this meeting. Mr Sharpe requested a copy of Mr Jamieson's letter be sent to Wymeswold Council.

**New Bus Service Seagrave/Walton/Barrow.** Mr Hindley had commented on the usefulness of this service which highlights the lack of such a link from Burton to Barrow. It was agreed to take this up with the County Council, utilising the analysis already provided from Parish Plan responses.

**'No Waiting' signs, Ser~~y~~mour Road, Burton.** Mr Wells of County Highways advises that these signs were removed as "they are no longer a prescribed sign". The validity of the double yellow lines is not affected.

**Parking outside Filling Station, Melton Road, Burton.** P.C. Wharton has promised to visit the site and take any necessary action.

*K. E. Lopham*



## 6 PLANNING

**P/03/1604 - retention of runways etc at Wymeswold Airfield for training and vehicle demonstration.** Earlier today Mr Peter Blitz had delivered copies of the amended maps from the applicants which now show the noise implications for all parts of Burton. These appear to confirm that several higher areas of the village are subject to the same noise levels as the northern boundary. Mr Sharpe will arrange for Dr Abbott to comment on this new information. As yet there is no formal reconsultation.

**P/03/0610 - Agricultural track to south of Wymeswold Airfield.** The Clerk has received several complaints that heavy earth moving equipment is at work on the Burton side of the trees and that a gap has been torn out of the treeline. Helen Robinson, Borough Enforcement Officer confirms that this is permitted under the above Agricultural Determination and no action can be taken as the trees are not protected.

**P/03/3282 - outline application for residential development at Melton Road/Brook Street, Burton (Mr T Hubbard).** Mr Sharpe explained that a Primary School sub-committee had met with the County Council who admit their error in making a nil recommendation for Burton School. It seems that an amount in excess of £100,000 would have been justified. Discussions are taking place with the Borough Council but the issue is very difficult to resolve as the Section 106 negotiations are already far advanced with the applicants without this issue having been raised. There is no further news regarding the traffic calming aspect.

**P/98/0085 - previous application by Alfred McAlpine for 38 dwellings on above site.** The Borough Council advise that they have unilaterally withdrawn this application as no response has been received from McAlpine. They ask that we publicise this through the Parish newsletter.

**P/03/3641 - formation of manege adjacent to Horse Leys Farm, Burton on the Wolds (Mr & Mrs T Eggleston).** This application closed today and, after consultation, the Chairman had decided to raise no objection.

**P/04/0484 - cutting down of Ash Tree (TPO) adjacent to 36b Sowters Lane, Burton (J A Scottorn).** Closing date was 4th March. Mr Paul Sutton, Tree Warden, had submitted a written report suggesting that pruning would suffice and this had been passed on to the Borough.

**P/04/0629 - extension to side of 11 Brook Street, Burton (Mrs D McLean) and**

**P/04/0682 - extension to side of 23 Sowters Lane, Burton (Mr C J Henman).** There was no objection to either.

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**General.** Advice has been received from the Borough that from end March Weekly Planning Lists will no longer be mailed. The information will be available in future on their web site.

## **7 ENVIRONMENT**

**NEMA.** A reply from Andy Reed MP promises to raise some of the issues outlined by us at his meetings with NEMA managers. Mrs Lesley Tyers, Chair of Seagrave Council had called on the Clerk with information about ELVAA (East Leicestershire Villages against Airspace) which had been distributed to Members. This arose from the public meeting in Billesdon in January. It was felt that this Council's interests were best protected through the AARPC. A letter from Castle Donington P/C attached their Policy on future developments and operations, which was noted. A letter from Mr N A Robinson, the Airport's Divisional Standards Manager - Environment confirms that our earlier objection to the proposed 'Daventry 2' departure route has been brought to the attention of the Civil Aviation Authority. Mr Sharpe advised that Cllr David Slater has now been appointed Borough representative on the Independent Consultative Forum and asked that he be copied on any relevant correspondence.

**AARPC.** Next meeting is on 18th March. As the Chairman will be away, the Clerk will attend with Mr Sharpe, if available.

**Public Seat, Wymeswold Lane, Burton.** It was noted that Mr Peter Harrison had removed the graffiti this week.

**Firework disturbance.** It transpires that these problems emanated at a farmhouse in Hoton and had provoked a strong reaction in that village. Environmental Health officers had been involved and warnings issued to the young people involved regarding future conduct.

**Street Cleansing.** A response from Mr Cameron, Assistant Cleansing Manager confirms that the 1999 schedules are still in place and that mechanical sweeping of Melton Road and Loughborough Road, Burton will be increased from three monthly to monthly (this was promised but not delivered previously). Other questions remain unanswered and it was noted that Mr Peter Rook is still not responding personally. Mr Sharpe undertook to take the matter up directly with Mr Rook and to ask him to come out to discuss matters directly with this Council. Neighbouring Councils will also be invited to such a meeting.

**Mobile Recycling Centres.** A letter from the Borough had been circulated.

**Foul Drainage Problem in Cotes.** Mr Stuart Birch, Borough Specialist Environmental Health Officer has been in touch regarding recurring problems of contaminated water flowing from a chamber adjoining 102

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Loughborough Road across Stanford Lane. Householders have been advised of their responsibilities.

**'Hang Out' Shelter.** Mrs Saunders felt that the village centre or the Playing Field would be the only suitable locations. The Parish Plan identifies the need for such a facility. Grants should be available and comparative prices need to be obtained. There is such a shelter in Rothley. It was agreed to include in the Press Release advice that the Council is investigating installation of such a shelter.

## **8 PARISH PLAN**

Progress has been slow because of lengthy data inputting procedures. A further three month extension has been obtained from the Countryside Agency, to 31st July. The Chairman has been supplied with a copy of the CA Guidance with regard to the remaining stages of the Plan. A further public exhibition on the Village Design Statement had been held last Sunday. The RCC had invoiced the second instalment of their fee (£375.00) for settlement before 31st March but, in view of the further delays, the Clerk recommended that this be not paid yet. He will talk to Diana Cook of the RCC about it.

## **9 VILLAGE HALL**

The February meeting had mainly been concerned with details of the pending refurbishment. Remedial work, mainly external, is to start as soon as possible. A grant application has gone in to NEMA for the toilet area. Mr Peter Harrison had been asked to look at the clock, which has stopped, but the problem is not immediately apparent. The Clerk will contact the manufacturers and liaise with Mrs Edmonds.

Mrs Edmonds advised that the recent morning show for children had been very well received. Good liaison has been established with Loughborough Town Hall and there will be more shows to follow.

## **10 BURIAL GROUND/ALLOTMENTS**

The lime tree has been felled. Replacement of the short hedge at the eastern side of the entrance needs to be addressed. The Clerk will investigate what grants are available.

## **11 PLAYING FIELD**

A letter from MENCAP regarding the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 has been passed on to Mrs Saunders for the PFA. She feels that their requirements are excessive though some work in taking out a gate and installing ramps is being scheduled.

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It was proposed Mr Elliott, seconded Mr Sharpe and carried that the Council sponsor first aid cover at the Summer Fete in the amount of £25.00.

## **12 FOOTPATHS/BRIDLEWAYS**

The new County Access Officer has been asked to confirm that financial support for footpath maintenance will still be available in the coming year.

## **13 FINANCE**

Funds at end February totalled £13,500.39.

Mr Shields will let the Clerk have proposed locations for planters shortly. Mrs Prior suggested that the best location for Prestwold would be beneath the Notice Board.

Mr Mark Lewis has been asked to confirm what Borough funding is now available for replacement Notice Boards. The Clerk will ascertain costs for such boards, including glazed types.

Mowing costs at the Playing Field had increased by 12% this year, after a big reduction the previous year. It was decided to hold the Cricket Club contribution for a further year at £310.00.

## **14 CHEQUES**

It was proposed Mr Sharpe, seconded Mr Shields and carried that the following cheques be authorised and signed:

K W Davies	salary/expenses	321.49
Staples	colour cartridge	22.98
Oakdale Tree	felling, B/G	400.00
ATB Construction	pathways	253.80
Ordnance Survey	Parish Plan	55.81

## **15 MISCELLANEOUS**

The following items were noted:

Standards Board consultation on local investigation and determination of misconduct allegations.

Draft Leicestershire Rural Strategy 2004-09.

Licence Transfer at Prestwold Hall to Henry Edward Weldon and Nicola Wood.

Calor/Leicester Mercury Best Village Competition.

A questionnaire from the Audit Commission on Comprehensive Performance Assessment of Charnwood Borough Council had had a deadline of 8th March, too early to permit proper consideration by this Council.

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The Clerk will obtain more information about an Electoral Review of Leicestershire County Council seats.

**16 PRESS RELEASE**

This will include latest airfield developments, withdrawal of the McAlpine planning application, the Melton Road traffic scheme, Village Hall shows, the 'Hang out' shelter proposal and parking outside the garage.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.



**MINUTES of a meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 10th February 2004, commencing at 7.30 p.m.**

**Present:**

Mr K Topham (Chairman)  
Mr J Elliott  
Mrs M Prior  
Mrs R Saunders  
Mr I Sharpe  
Mr R Shields  
Mrs L Spicer

K W Davies, Clerk

**In attendance:** Three Local Government Electors

**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Mrs D Edmonds (prior engagement)

**2 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Mrs R Saunders - personal interest in matters concerning Prestwold Estate as Secretary of PERS.

Mr R Shields - personal interest in matters concerning Prestwold Estate by reason of acquaintance with Mr E Packe-Drury-Lowe.

The Clerk advised that he had supplied copies of Members' Notifications of Interests to Mr Benn Spicer, at his request.

**3 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

It was proposed Mr Shields, seconded Mrs Saunders and carried that the Minutes of the 13th January meeting be accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**4 MATTERS ARISING**

The Chairman confirmed that he had written to Dr Abbott thanking him for his written comments on the bund proposal and for his attendance. He had also written to Mr Bruce Jamieson to thank him for his intervention with the Section 106 proposals in respect of the Melton Road/Brook Street planning application.

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## 5 TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS

**Melton Road scheme.** This had been expected to start next week but advice today is that it has been further delayed to the beginning of March. A formal complaint at this further delay will be lodged.

**Proposed 40 mph speed limit on Prestwold Lane.** A reminder will be sent to the Highway Authority pressing for this scheme to be scheduled.

**Road improvements at Six Hills.** Work is commencing on the British Gypsum sponsored upgrade at the Paudy Lane/B676 junction. Some surprise was registered that this does not appear on the weekly listing from Northern Highways at Melton and since there have been similar omissions in the past, clarification will be sought.

**Bus Shelter, Loughborough Road, Burton.** This has now been completed by the supplier. It was thought that quotations for pathways from Boundaries and from Charnwood Paving Services were excessive and a lower quotation will be sought from ATB (Andrew Brown). The Clerk was authorised to instruct Boundaries to proceed at £600.00 if no lower quotation was received from ATB within a fortnight..

**'No Waiting' signs, Seymour Road, Burton.** It was noted that these have been removed and enquiries will be made.

**Parking outside Filling Station, Melton Road, Burton.** It was noted that such parking, by trucks and other vehicles, is creating safety problems, particularly at peak times, making it very difficult at times to cross the road or transit the footway safely. The Beat Officer will be asked to take a look at the situation on a weekday morning, say 8.00/8.15 a.m.

## 6 PLANNING

**P/03/1604 - Retention of runways etc at Wymeswold Airfield for training and vehicle demonstration.** Members had received copies of Dr Abbott's updated comments and correspondence between Charnwood planners and Andrew Granger & Co. A summary of the current situation by the Clerk was distributed. The formal reconsultation process has not yet been activated.

It was suggested during debate that the recently upgraded track is at the heart of the issue although there was no consensus on this.

It was agreed that should the reconsultation commence with a closure date before the next meeting (9th March), then a special meeting will be called to deal with it. In the meantime, it was proposed Mr Shields, seconded Mrs Saunders and carried that a letter be sent to the Planning Authority advising that , since the original application made no mention of bunds, the issue of

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bunds should be extracted from the current application and treated separately. This was because it was felt that, important though the question of permission for training and vehicle demonstration is, it is being overshadowed by the bund issue now that it is apparent that the bunds will be 25% greater in volume than in the last such application and seem far in excess of what would be required to alleviate noise from the track activities.

**P/03/3282 - outline application for residential development at Melton Road/Brook Street, Burton (Mr T Hubbard).** Due to the Chairman's unavailability, the Clerk had attended a rearranged meeting of the Primary School Governors and acquainted them with the issues arising from the Section 106 proposals. They have been advised to prepare specific proposals and have now, working in conjunction with Borough Councillor Sharpe, formed a sub-committee to meet with Mr Blitz later this week.

The Chairman and Clerk met with Mr Blitz and Mr Hodgett of the Borough planners and Mr Headley and Mr Clarke from County Hall at Southfields yesterday. During lengthy discussions it was established that the cost of speed reactive signs has now fallen to about £5000 each. The officers were persuaded that three such signs, one on each approach road to Burton, would be a realistic planning gain target though they made it plain that nothing more would be justifiable. Charnwood will attempt to agree this proposal with Mather Jamie, on behalf of the applicant.

A letter from Barrow upon Soar Parish Council asked whether funding could be secured towards Health Care Facilities. It was felt that this had been received too late to be introduced into the present negotiations and a reply will be sent accordingly.

**P/03/1289 - erection of detached house to front of 15 Barrow Road, Burton (Walker & Walker Ltd).** A copy letter from Mr Paul Sutton to Mr Chris Buckingham, the Borough Landscaper Officer, has been received, drawing attention to an outstanding Tree Protection Order request in respect of the Copper Beech and Lombardy Poplars at this location.

It has been established that this application, dating back to May last, has never been finalised. The current situation is that the applicants intend to submit an amended application for a smaller house further forward, leaving the beech undisturbed although at least some of the poplars will need to be felled. A survey has shown that they are not in good condition. Mr Buckingham is preparing a TPO for the beech. We shall again be consulted when the amendment is received.

## **7 ENVIRONMENT**

**'Hang out' Shelter.** Mrs Saunders took the view that there is a need to do something for Burton youngsters and that such a shelter would provide a

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focal point for them. Suggested location would be as a replacement for the seat near the bus stop at Melton Road/Seymour Road though it was suggested that an alternative would be within the Village Hall surrounds.

It was decided to await publication of the Parish Plan to see what light that would throw on young people's needs. In the meantime, Mrs Saunders would try to gauge neighbours views and also check the attitude of the Highway Authority.

**Nottingham East Midlands Airport** (the new name for EMA). Letters had been received from Andy Reed MP and from a Mr Mike Clarke of Thrussington with reference to the proposals for a new departure route overflying Burton and other villages which the Airport had advised at the end of 2002. A public protest meeting had been held in Billesdon on the day of our last Council meeting although no formal advice of it had been received. Mr Clarke had been advised that the Council works through the AARPC with regard to such matters. It was agreed to advise Mr Reed of the Council's reasons for opposing the Airport's proposals and to request his support.

**Parking problems, Seymour Road, Burton.** Mr Elliott advised that PC Wharton had seen the situation for himself and had issued tickets to those in breach of the law.

**Police Meeting, Loughborough, 29.1.04.** Mr Elliott had gone, in poor weather, to this meeting on the Council's behalf, only to find it cancelled for lack of numbers.

**Charnwood Design Awards 2004.** It was decided not to make any nomination this year.

**Flooding.** The Environment Agency's latest advice will be circulated.

**East Midlands in Bloom 2004.** It was decided not to enter.

**Firework disturbance.** There have been complaints of loud firework explosions in the early hours of the morning, seemingly from beyond Prestwold Hall, probably in Hoton. The Clerk will consult with his opposite number in Hoton.

**Balancing Tank, Melton Road.** It was reported that two paving slabs had been removed and Severn Trent Water will be advised.

## **8 PARISH PLAN**

The Rural Community Council have presented their invoice for the balance of £375.00, ahead of schedule, since the Steering Group are required to claim as much of their expenditure as possible before financial year end.

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Mr Stead, the Group Treasurer advises that the major cost items still to come, for the preliminary report and the VDS, will arise in early April. At that point, the first 50% of Countryside Agency grant will be used up and the Agency will then pay outstanding amounts quarterly against invoices. The Council may have to use its own funds to bridge this gap for a period and the Clerk will maintain close contact with the Group to ensure that correct procedures are followed.

The Chairman asked what the arrangements are for the Plan to be vetted by the Council and the Clerk will report back on the procedures to be followed.

## **9 VILLAGE HALL**

A letter of thanks has been received for the allocated £2750. The Clerk reported that funds in hand were approx £9000 at end December, plus an untouched £5000 'Awards for All' grant towards kitchen refurbishment. Other grants are being applied for and the specification is split into four sections with three firms invited to quote for each section. The major components are redecoration £2750 (as advised last month) and lighting £1980.

The Christmas Fair made £805 including £553 from the 'Raise the Roof' draw. Next year the Fair will revert to December (4th). The Gardening Club has duly been formed and has agreed to take over the Millennium Garden, utilising the Council's proffered funding up to £100 per annum against receipts. The Youth Club made a successful start last Friday with 25 attending. Their biggest problem currently is storage space for equipment and the VHMC is seeing how this can be accommodated.

It was noted that the light over the newer War Memorial had been damaged and that the Clock is not working. These will be reported to the VHMC at its meeting next week.

## **10 BURIAL GROUND/ALLOTMENTS**

Oakdale Tree Surgery hope to take down the lime tree at the Burial Ground later this week.

## **11 PLAYING FIELD**

Mrs Saunders advised that three new people had volunteered to help with the summer Fete at the meeting last night and as a result the decision had been reached to go ahead, on 20th June.

## **12 FOOTPATHS/BRIDLEWAYS**

There was nothing.

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### 13 FINANCE

Funds at end January totalled £14,175.61.

Charnwood advise that the Council Tax base for the coming year is 464.0, which means that the Council's precept will equate to £21.55 for a Band 'D' property.

Further consideration was given to the Capital items carried over from last month's budget debate. Mr Shields suggests four planters at locations throughout Burton and he will investigate costs. Permission will be needed from the Highway Authority and Mr Shields will first suggest suitable locations. Mrs Spicer felt that beneath the Notice Board would be a suitable location in Cotes and Mrs Prior will advise with regard to Prestwold.

Before progressing locally controlled road sweeping, it was agreed to make a formal approach to Charnwood to establish what they currently take responsibility for.

The Council's charges were reviewed and it was agreed to make no change in allotment rents (£20.00 p.a.). The Clerk will advise the level of increase being paid for ground maintenance so that a decision on the Cricket Club's contribution can be made next month.

The Chairman advised that the Clerk wishes to make changes to his home telephone system. At present the Council pays the quarterly rental plus call charges on Council business, totalling average £52.39 per quarter. Under the new system the quarterly rental will be £67.60 with no call charges, other than to 'special' numbers. In addition more and more Council business is being conducted by e-mail/internet and the Clerk pays £29.99 per month himself for BT Broadband. After discussion, it was proposed Mr Elliott, seconded Mr Sharpe and carried that the Council pay the quarterly telephone charge of £67.60. The Clerk will continue to pay the Broadband charge and will obtain and publicise a Council e-mail address.

### 14 CHEQUES

It was proposed Mr Sharpe, seconded Mrs Saunders and carried that the following cheques be authorised and signed:

drawn since last meeting:

K E Topham	meal expenses	19.66
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for signature tonight:

K W Davies	salary/expenses	382.62
Staples	photocopying etc.	27.41
Queensbury Shelters	bus shelter	2773.00

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## 15 MISCELLANEOUS

Minutes of the **Joint Councils Liaison meeting** on 21st January have been circulated. The major item was community transport though little progress was made as several Councils have made no progress in establishing demand. The Saturday morning Loughborough shopping service recently introduced appears to be very poorly supported.

**Leicester Playscape** feel threatened by potential Leicester City Council cuts and have asked for a letter of support.. This has been sent. An **FWAG Local Services Directory** has been circulated. An **RCC Community Consultation Seminar** on 11th March was noted, as was an appeal from the **Winged Fellowship Trust**.

The Clerk had attended a liaison meeting on the new ethical framework called by the Borough Monitoring Officer on 28th January, to keep abreast of implementation of the Code of Conduct.

## 16 PRESS RELEASE

It was noted with regret that the 'Link' had not published last month's Release, no doubt due to the late meeting date (13th). The following items will be included this month:

airfield, pig farm and 15 Barrow Road planning updates; Melton Road traffic calming; bus shelter; FWAG Directory.

## 17 QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

The Council was complimented on installation of the Dog Glove Dispenser on Melton Road which is proving of great value.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.35 p.m.

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**MINUTES of a meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 13th January 2004, commencing at 7.30 p.m.**

**Present:**

Mr K Topham (Chairman)  
Mrs D Edmonds  
Mr J Elliott  
Mrs M Prior  
Mrs R Saunders  
Mr I Sharpe  
Mr R Shields

K W Davies, Clerk

**In attendance:** Dr D J Abbott, MIOA  
Mr P Blitz, Area Team Leader, Borough of Charnwood  
Development Control  
approx. 80 Local Government Electors and others.

**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Mrs L Spicer (ill health).

**2 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS**

Mrs R Saunders - personal interest in matters concerning the Prestwold Estate as Secretary of PERS.

Mr R Shields - personal interest in P/03/1604 by reason of acquaintance with Mr E Packe-Drury-Lowe.

**3 PLANNING**

**P/03/1604 - retention of use of runways at Wymeswold Airfield for training and vehicle demonstration (Prestwold 1966 Settlement and Everyman Tangerine).** The Chairman introduced this item to Members and the public by recapitulating events leading up to the present, where the applicants have submitted a document 'Wymeswold Airfield, Proposed Acoustic Bunds - Acoustic Assessment' and developed their application to include eight bunds, all to be located within the boundaries of the former airfield with that to the south, facing Burton, incorporating an acoustic timber fence.

Mr Sharpe then introduced Dr Abbott who had been asked by the Council for his views on the Acoustic Assessment. Dr Abbott had given those views in writing to the Council and he went through them for the benefit of all present. Members then discussed various aspects with Dr Abbott.

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*After a Vote of Thanks to Dr Abbott, proposed by Mrs Edmonds, seconded by Mr Elliott and carried, the meeting was adjourned from 8.02 p.m. until 9.12 p.m. to allow members of the public to comment and question Dr Abbott and Mr Blitz. Following this adjournment, Dr Abbott, Mr Blitz and most members of the public left the meeting.*

On the resumption, Members reviewed what had gone before and decided that further information was needed before a considered response could be given. During the public session Mr Blitz had indicated that he was willing to extend the 20th January consultation deadline to enable further enquiries to be made. These specifically related to questions raised by Dr Abbott regarding the Acoustic Assessment and to the need for more detailed information regarding the volume of material, number of vehicle loads etc which would be required for bund construction. An interim response will be given requesting this information.

It was noted that Mr Edward Packe-Drury-Lowe, who had been present, had given an assurance that there would be no more track days.

**Proposed Sunday Land Yachting at Wymeswold Airfield.** The Clerk had been contacted by Mr Peter Spendlove of the British Land and Sand Yachting Federation who intend to seek planning permission for their activity, described as a silent sport, to take place on Sundays and sought the Council's approval. After discussion it was agreed to raise no objection in principle, subject to perusal of the detailed application in due course.

**P/03/2075 - retention of cattle barn, Manor Farm, Burton (Mr J Pepper).** Revised landscaping details had been received with deadline 6th January. After consulting the Tree Warden, Mr P Sutton, no objection had been raised to this improved scheme.

**P/03/3395 - conservatory extension to rear of 29 Somerset Close, Burton (Luxton).** The deadline was 1st January and no objection had been raised to what appeared a routine application.

**P/03/3010 - extensions, conservatory and extended residential curtilage at 9 St Marys Close, Burton (Mr & Mrs K Brown).** The Charnwood Plans Committee decided to allow this application at their meeting on 8th January, which the Chairman addressed. They took the view that the extended curtilage was not in breach of the Local Plan and that this small niche of agricultural land is not of such significance as to warrant refusal of permission. It was stated that this permission would not constitute a precedent for future violations of the limits to development.

The extended area had already been fenced off and Conditions include that a hedge be grown outside it and that the fence be stained in the interim.

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**P/03/3282 - outline application for residential development at Melton Road/Brook Street, Burton (Mr T Hubbard).** At the same Plans Committee Meeting, outline permission was granted for this development. When the agenda was published, it had become evident that the Section 106 agreement being proposed by the officers fell short of what residents of Burton could reasonably expect from a development of this size. An amount for traffic calming of £10,000 had been negotiated with the applicant but the County Council had appropriated this towards the already approved scheme for Melton Road, now expected to commence on 16th February. The Chairman's intervention with Mr Bruce Jamieson, Director of Highways, with input from Cllr Tony Kershaw had resulted in the £10,000 being decoupled from the current scheme.

Mr Sharpe addressed the Committee on behalf of the Council with the result that the Committee accepted that the officers' proposals did not do enough for the community. They recognised that the proposed £2330 per dwelling towards secondary education in Barrow and Quorn completely ignores Burton Primary School. They felt that speed reactive signs should be considered and that the needs of Burton Primary School should be addressed. The officers were instructed to look again at the proposed S106 agreement with particular reference to traffic calming and the allocation of funds for schooling, and to involve the Parish Council in their deliberations.

It was agreed that the Chairman would pursue an acceptable solution aggressively, involving County Councillor Kershaw, Mr Sharpe (as Borough Councillor) and Burton School Governors in the process. A meeting with County officers would be requested.

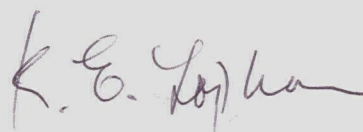
**Land adjacent to Burton Hall.** Formal notice has been received of withdrawal of earlier appeals by SGI Ltd.

**Charnwood Local Plan.** The Borough have given notice of their intention to adopt the Plan with no further modifications and have commenced the process.

**Urban Housing Potential Study.** Baker Associates have been appointed by Charnwood Borough to enquire whether Parishes wish to submit details of any site capable of accommodating ten or more dwellings anywhere in the Borough. It was decided to take no action.

**Agendas for Borough Plans Committee Meetings.** We are advised that henceforth agendas will only be sent to parishes when an application within or bordering the parish is to be considered.

**C P R E.** The CPRE request support via a letter to the Minister for Housing and Planning regarding future involvement of County Councils in Regional Spatial Studies and also better enforcement of planning controls. It was agreed to write accordingly.



**MINUTES of the Annual Parish Meeting for the Parish of Prestwold  
held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday  
11th May 2004 at 7.10 p.m.**

Present:

Mr K Topham (Chairman)  
Mrs D Edmonds  
Mr J Elliott  
Mrs M Prior  
Mrs R Saunders  
Mr I Sharpe  
Mr R Shields  
Mrs L Spicer

Mr K W Davies (Parish Clerk)

Three Local Government Electors

**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were none.

**2 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the previous Parish Meeting, dated 13th May 2003, were confirmed as a true and correct record, being proposed Mr Sharpe and seconded Mrs Saunders. They were then signed by the Chairman.

**3 MATTERS ARISING**

There were none.

**4 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman distributed copies of his annual Report, which is attached to these Minutes.

**5 OTHER BUSINESS**

There was none.

The Meeting was closed at 7.13 p.m.





## PARISH OF PRESTWOLD

### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT, 2003/2004

This will be my last Annual Report to you as I am standing down and returning to the 'back benches' of the Council after three years in the Chair. In another busy year, I believe that we have again been successful in protecting and advancing the interests of residents in a number of ways.

**Traffic and Highways.** It is the County Council, as Highway Authority, who have the final say on all traffic and highway issues. I have been at pains to develop relationships with senior officials at County Hall, from the Director of Highways on down. Indeed the Director, Bruce Jamieson, came to Burton last summer to see the situation for himself and this policy is producing results, though not as quickly as we would all like.

We have asked the County Council for a 40 mph speed limit on a section of Prestwold Lane where there have been a number of speed related incidents over the years. This scheme has been included in their draft 2004/5 programme and we expect to hear this summer/autumn whether or not it has been approved.

**Planning Matters.** We do not intervene in individual planning applications unless there are issues of principle involving the village environment generally. There have been several such issues over the last year.

The long heralded development at Brook Street/Melton Road, Burton (the Pig Farm) finally received outline planning permission though detailed proposals are still awaited. We have fought a strong campaign for the eventual developers to make a substantial contribution to local needs, particularly as regards schooling, traffic calming etc. via a Section 106 agreement. At first it seemed that the County and Borough Councils were prepared to do little on our behalf but we decided to dig our heels in. I therefore made a personal appeal to the Director of Highways on the subject of extra funding for traffic calming and, with support from Charnwood Plans Committee No. 2 in respect of schooling, I am confident that an acceptable solution will soon be obtained.

**Prestwold Estate/Wymeswold Airfield.** It is a great pity that we find ourselves constantly engaged in disputes with our landowner neighbour but there are major issues at stake. We want the Estate to prosper but not at the expense of the wellbeing of those many residents who are affected by unacceptable noise levels from the various activities which are constantly being expanded on the Estate. We have asked the agents for the Estate for regular liaison meetings to try to resolve issues without confrontation. Only one was held over the last year and it seems that they are determined to pursue their plans regardless.

The 'track days' held a year ago prompted unprecedented levels of protest from residents and ourselves and were voluntarily withdrawn as a result. There was no outright ban, as we believe there should have been, so they could come back. The 'Sounds of the Seventies' concert on a Sunday evening also drew protests, no



effort seeming to have been made to protect Burton residents from the volume of noise directed straight towards them. Residents affected by noise have been encouraged to complete regular Diary Sheets supplied by Charnwood Environmental Health with a view to action under the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

A proposed system of bunding to provide noise amelioration has created more problems than it purports to solve. As I write this, a third bund proposal has been put forward by the Estate (the first two being deemed unacceptable) and this too needs critical examination lest the community have foisted upon it unwelcome developments which may never be reversed.

Once again I would like to thank all those residents who have written protest letters to Charnwood Borough and Leicestershire County Councils and, in some instances, to our MP, Andy Reed. I know that some of the replies are at best vague and non-committal; but the effort involved is appreciated and certainly worthwhile.

**Nottingham East Midlands Airport.** Our last campaign which resulted in a small change in the departure route for southbound aircraft certainly led to less overhead noise, particularly at night. Now there is a fresh threat from the Airport, a second departure route for some aircraft which would bring them directly overhead Prestwold and Burton. We are campaigning strongly against this, directly and through both Charnwood Borough Council and the Association of Airport Related Parish Councils.

**Sundry.** As every year, we give strong financial and other support to the Playing Field Association and the Village Hall Management Committee, totalling over £1800 in the last year and with a much bigger commitment to Village Hall redecoration now about to take place. Amongst other things, we maintain the Burial Ground, liaise closely with County and Borough on matters such as those indicated above and participate on a liaison committee with our neighbouring parishes to act more effectively as a unit on matters of shared concern.

**Acknowledgments.** Finally, I would like to thank my colleagues for their support, also County Councillor Tony Kershaw and Ian Sharpe in his role as Borough Councillor.

I cannot end this report without paying tribute to our Clerk, Ken Davies, for all his efforts for the Parish Council and not least for his support for and advice to me. The Clerk's duties have grown out of all recognition in recent years and his commitment to the village is enormous.

It has been a privilege to lead the Council for the last three years and I wish my successor well for the future.

Keith Topham  
Chairman



**MINUTES of the Annual Parish Meeting for the Parish of Prestwold  
held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday  
13th May 2003 at 7.10 p.m.**

Present:

Mr K Topham (Chairman)  
Mrs R Saunders  
Mr I Sharpe  
Mrs L Spicer

Mr K W Davies (Parish Clerk)

Seven Local Government Electors

**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were none.

**2 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the previous Parish Meeting, dated 14th May 2002, were confirmed as a true and correct record, being proposed Mr Sharpe and seconded Mrs Saunders. They were then signed by the Chairman.

**3 MATTERS ARISING**

There were none.

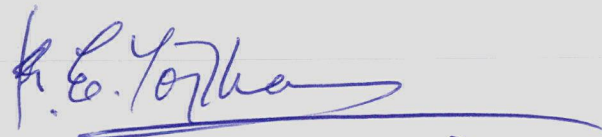
**4 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman distributed copies of his annual Report, which is attached to these Minutes.

**5 OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr Edward Packe-Drury-Lowe advised that he would like to put his name forward for co-option to the vacant seat at Wymeswold Ward. The Chairman drew attention to the regulations regarding personal and prejudicial interest which could affect Mr Packe-Drury-Lowe's involvement in debates on the Prestwold Hall estate and airfield, whilst stressing that they did not in any way disbar him from nomination.

The Meeting was closed at 7.17 p.m.



PARISH OF PRESTWOLD

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT, 2002/2003

Your Parish Council has again been very active in the last year and I am able to bring you a very upbeat report on our activities. Before doing so, however, permit me one gripe. Three of our Councillors retired at the elections in May this year and there was not a single nomination to take their places. This included the Prestwold seat, which is presently vacant. This Report will show that much is being done and there is much still to do, but it is falling on too few shoulders. If you want our village to be a good place to live, then we must have more people come forward prepared to make a contribution.

**Planning Matters.** Our policy is not to intervene in planning issues, which are usually the preserve of the Borough Council, unless wider issues affecting the village as a whole or in part are involved.

**Wymeswold Airfield Activities.** A major concern at present is the ever increasing range of noisy activities on the former airfield, made worse this year by the construction of a new 'race track' without planning permission. At the same time the Prestwold Estate have applied to build a huge bund between the airfield and Burton. The implications of all this are enormous and need not be repeated here. The Parish Council organised a Public Meeting and is leading opposition to these unwanted intrusions. Villagers are kept informed through the Notice Boards and website.

I should like to thank all those residents who have written to Leicestershire County Council in support of our position on the bund. In spite of some doubt expressed at the public meeting concerning the usefulness of protest letters, the effort has been well worthwhile and brought favourable comment from County Hall. Indeed this is the third occasion in the last seven months when I have received compliments from County Hall regarding the number and quality of letters submitted by local residents concerning traffic and environmental issues!

**Her Majesty's Golden Jubilee.** An extremely well supported and enjoyable party was organised on the Playing Field. An associated art/literature competition for all ages resulted in a splendid souvenir book as well as the unique Jubilee plate.

**George Harvey Bequest.** The balance remaining was spent on a flagpole and flags, lighting the Village Hall clock, a memorial clock in the Sports Pavilion and, shortly, a dog glove dispenser about to be installed on Melton Road.

**Footpaths.** In cooperation with the County Council, we have produced an illustrated leaflet of walks around the Parish and are pleased to enclose a copy when this Report is distributed to every home. Great thanks are due to those who contributed to this venture and they are acknowledged within.



**East Midlands Airport.** Our efforts, in conjunction with other local Councils, to lessen the impact of departing flights have had some success with fewer intrusive flights overhead now. There is a new threat though, with the Airport Authority wanting to authorise a new departure route directly overhead and we are doing everything we can to oppose this.

There are many other things in which the Parish Council is involved: tending and planting trees; provision of litter bins, maintenance of the Burton Burial Ground etc. We are represented on a number of bodies which can help to improve our environment, we are regularly consulted on all manner of issues by the County and Borough Councils, we have brought in new financial controls, a publication scheme to make information generally available and we have signed up to a demanding Code of Conduct.

There is much to do and we have done it all to the best of our ability, always with the best interests of our village and its inhabitants at heart.

**Acknowledgments.** Before closing, I would like to thank all those villagers who have given their services in so many ways to assist with our projects. Jubilee celebrations immediately come to mind but there are many other items and I thank everyone concerned.

I should also like to thank my colleagues on the Parish Council for their support, also our Borough and County Councillors, Robert Shields and Tony Kershaw respectively. Three of our Councillors, Denis Minkley, Margaret Pickford and Robert Moyle did not seek re-election. In particular I must mention Denis for his enormous contribution during the last fourteen years, including three years as Chairman. His experience and knowledge of the village has been invaluable to successive Councils and on a personal note I have been grateful for his good advice on a number of difficult issues.

Finally, I must thank our Clerk Ken Davies for all his work for the Parish Council and, not least, his support for and advice to me. I mentioned in last year's report the substantial increase in Ken's workload. An increasing amount of paperwork generated by central Government and the village traffic and environmental issues have made further demands on his time, and his efforts are much appreciated.

Keith Topham, Chairman

**MINUTES of the Annual Parish Meeting for the Parish of Cotes held in  
the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday  
11th May 2004 at 7.00 p.m.**

Present:

Mr K Topham (Chairman)  
Mrs D Edmonds  
Mr J Elliott  
Mrs M Prior  
Mrs R Saunders  
Mr I Sharpe  
Mrs L Spicer

Mr K W Davies (Parish Clerk)

One Local Government Elector

**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were none.

**2 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the previous Parish Meeting, dated 13th May 2003, were confirmed as a true and correct record, being proposed Mr Sharpe and seconded Mrs Spicer. They were then signed by the Chairman.

**3 MATTERS ARISING**

There were none.

**4 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

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**5 OTHER BUSINESS**

There was none.

The Meeting was closed at 7.02 p.m.





## PARISH OF COTES

### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT, 2003/2004

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Mindful of the dreadful problems experienced by residents of Stanford Lane in particular when the main A60 railway bridge outside Loughborough was closed last year, we took immediate steps when it was announced that the Meadow Lane rail bridge would be closed in Spring this year. Alongside residents making their own voices heard, we pressed for more satisfactory powers to prevent Stanford Lane again being used as a 'rat run'. Whilst there have been some problems, it does appear that the situation is very much better than a year ago.

Our efforts to have a permanent weight restriction on Stanford Lane to prevent its use by unsuitable heavy goods vehicles have met with little success. Nottinghamshire County Council are unwilling to join with Leicestershire in a joint scheme and the best we have been able to obtain is a promise that Leicestershire will consider and rank a scheme for a restriction between Cotes and Stanford on Soar in a priority list of similar schemes with a view to being introduced as soon as possible. This is unlikely to mean any time soon.

**Planning Matters.** We do not intervene in individual planning applications unless there are issues of principle involving the village environment generally. There have been several such issues over the last year.

The long heralded development at Brook Street/Melton Road, Burton (the Pig Farm) finally received outline planning permission though detailed proposals are still awaited. We have fought a strong campaign for the eventual developers to make a substantial contribution to local needs, particularly as regards schooling, traffic calming etc. via a Section 106 agreement. At first it seemed that the County and Borough Councils were prepared to do little on our behalf but we decided to dig our heels in. I therefore made a personal appeal to the Director of Highways on the subject of extra funding for traffic calming and, with support from Charnwood Plans Committee No. 2 in respect of schooling, I am confident that an acceptable solution will soon be obtained.



**Prestwold Estate/Wymeswold Airfield.** It is a great pity that we find ourselves constantly engaged in disputes with our landowner neighbour but there are major issues at stake. We want the Estate to prosper but not at the expense of the wellbeing of those many residents who are affected by unacceptable noise levels from the various activities which are constantly being expanded on the Estate. We have asked the agents for the Estate for regular liaison meetings to try to resolve issues without confrontation. Only one was held over the last year and it seems that they are determined to pursue their plans regardless.

These issues affect residents of Cotes less than those in Burton and Prestwold who are served by the same Parish Council but I feel it is important to keep you informed of these developments not very far away.

A proposed system of bunding to provide noise amelioration has created more problems than it purports to solve. As I write this, a third bund proposal has been put forward by the Estate (the first two being deemed unacceptable) and this too needs critical examination lest the community have foisted upon it unwelcome developments which may never be reversed.

Once again I would like to thank all those residents who have written protest letters to Charnwood Borough and Leicestershire County Councils and, in some instances, to our MP, Andy Reed. I know that some of the replies are at best vague and non-committal; but the effort involved is appreciated and certainly worthwhile.

**Sundry.** As every year, we give strong financial and other support to the Playing Field Association and the Village Hall Management Committee, totalling over £1800 in the last year and with a much bigger commitment to Village Hall redecoration now about to take place. Amongst other things, we maintain the Burial Ground, liaise closely with County and Borough on matters such as those indicated above and participate on a liaison committee with our neighbouring parishes to act more effectively as a unit on matters of shared concern.

**Acknowledgments.** Finally, I would like to thank my colleagues for their support, also County Councillor Tony Kershaw and Ian Sharpe in his role as Borough Councillor.

I cannot end this report without paying tribute to our Clerk, Ken Davies, for all his efforts for the Parish Council and not least for his support for and advice to me. The Clerk's duties have grown out of all recognition in recent years and his commitment to the village is enormous.

It has been a privilege to lead the Council for the last three years and I wish my successor well for the future.

Keith Topham  
Chairman